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A ROYAL OCCASION AT THE SENEDD!

BRIDGEND'S AM, *First Minister Carwyn Jones, was on duty this week to welcome the royal party to the opening of the Senedd.*

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (left) was accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, while the Prince of Wales (right) and the Duchess of Cornwall also attended.

Pictures by GLYN EVANS

Burglaries in Maesteg – police issue appeal

POLICE have launched an appeal for information following two burglaries in the Maesteg area.

At around 4am on Friday, June 3, a number of items were stolen from a resource centre building in Cemetery Road after thieves entered via a window. Some items were later found discarded.

Between 10.40pm on Thursday, June 2, and 4.30am next day, a house in Alma Terrace was entered via an insecure rear door and keys to a car stolen. It was later recovered by police.

Anyone with information should contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Parking dispute led to hammer attack – COURT TOLD

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A DISPUTE over parking near a Maesteg allotment culminated in a man being smashed over the head with a hammer.

William Sparey (60) crumpled to the ground when he was struck by 52-year-old Calvin Edwards.

Edwards, unemployed, of Caerau with no previous convictions, admitted charges of wounding and assault.

He was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment suspended for two years, and made subject to a 9pm to 7am curfew for four months, which involved electronic tagging.

He was also ordered to pay Mr Sparey £1,500 compensation and £250 prosecution costs, ordered to carry out 200 hours unpaid work, and be subject to supervision for a year.

Judge William Gaskell said he accepted that Edwards did not have the hammer initially with a purpose of carrying out the attack.

"As you told the police, you lost control of yourself. As you put it, you lost it and saw red. You accept there was no excuse for your behaviour."

Mr Sparey, he said, suffered "a deeply unpleasant injury" and had made a complete recovery and at no time had wanted to exacerbate the situation."

Prosecutor Tony Trigg said Mr Sparey had had an allotment near Caerau for 30 years.

He would often park his vehicle up a lane near Edwards' home.

Edwards took exception to this and last summer his resentment boiled over.

He shouted at Mr Sparey for churning up the grass and on one occasion punched him in the mouth, causing a cut lip and a displaced tooth. Mr Sparey did not report the matter to the police.

But in October when Mr Sparey was leaving the allotment, Edwards shouted at him "I'm going to give you a ******* hammering."

The following day, Edwards approached him armed with a claw hammer and hit him to the head above the left eyebrow.

Mr Sparey crumpled to the ground bleeding heavily.

He was taken to Morriston Hospital where eight stitches were put into the wound and he also suffered a small fracture.

Mr Trigg said the two men had known each other for 10 years.

Edwards' counsel Kevin Seal said: "He acted in the heat of the moment. He suffers from diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol, but that is hardly a excuse.

"It is a tragedy for him to be before the court. He is highly thought of in the community and is normally a polite citizen. At the time of the assault, he was using the hammer in the garden.

"He realises he should not have used it. Until now he has led a blameless life."

Stray horses' threat to sports day at school

Report by JAYNE ISAAC

AN invasion of stray horses into the grounds of Bryntirion Comprehensive School could result in the school sports day being moved.

Coun David Unwin raised the stray horse issue at the last meeting of Bridgend County Borough Council.

There was a problem in the Pen-y-Fai and Court Colman area over the winter, with horses which were placed into farmers' fields at night.

The horses broke out a number of times and wandered around the area searching for food.

There was involvement at the time with RSPCA, police and animal welfare officers from the council.

The horses were stated to be owned by a horse breeder from the Vale and allegations that they were left without food and water were denied.

Coun Unwin said that many of the horses strayed into the school grounds and caused damage estimated at £10,000.

"They have left the school sports field in a dangerous state and this may prevent the school from holding its sports day," he said.

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FOUR ARE ARRESTED IN BRACKLA DRUGS RAID

POLICE reported this week that four people in their 20s had been arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of a controlled substance following the execution of a warrant under Misuse of Drugs Act in Brackla on May 27.

They were released on police bail pending further investigation after officers recovered illegal substances, a substantial amount of cash, and drugs paraphernalia.

Anyone with information about drug dealing activities is asked to call Crimestoppers, anonymously and in confidence, on 0800 555111.

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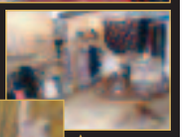

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KENFIG HILL MALE CHOIR PATRONS' CONCERT MOUNTS TO A CRESCENDO!

The recently formed Crescendo Youth Choir with accompanist Andrew Chinnock on left, and the Musical Director, Philip Juliffe, on the right.

The 'Boys in Blue'; the Kenfig Hill Male Voice Choir giving it all they've got under the Baton of Musical Director Philip Juliffe.

A duet by two members of Crescendo.

THE Kenfig Hill Male Voice Choir recently held a Patrons' Night and were joined by the youth choir under musical director Philip Juliffe and accompanist Andrew Chinnock – compère for the evening was John Downs.

Crescendo, the new Youth Choir arm of Kenfig Hill Male Voice Choir, is looking to recruit new members between 14-25.

The choir rehearses every Thursday evening between 5.30pm and 6.30pm at the Choral Suite, Green Acre Motel, Heol Fach, North Cornelly.

The Kenfig Hill Male Voice Choir is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year with a concert in the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, on Saturday, July 16. Eve Sherratt will be the guest artist and Tony Mullins is the compère.

At the Patrons' concert, n address was given by Harold Phillips, chairman.

The anniversary concert will also include a combined schools choir of over 100 voices and tickets can be purchased from the box office at the Pavilion.

The chairman commented: "If my plug for the festival in the Pavilion didn't persuade you to dash out and buy a ticket, when you have heard Crescendo, you certainly will because they too are joining us on stage in the Pavilion."

PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN

Musical Director Philip Juliffe and the Crescendo Youth Choir.

Council care project aimed at the needy

A PROJECT which integrates health and social care services for older and physically disabled people has been launched by Bridgend County borough Council.

A spokeswoman explained:

"As well as producing flexible and co-ordinated services, there will be a greater emphasis on promoting independence and wellbeing, avoiding duplication and unnecessary admission to hospital or nursing and residential care homes, and early discharge and independence in the community."

Key to the programme, which involves BCBC working closely with Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Health Board, are the following:

● '*Community Networks' which focus on the organisation of care and services.*

● *A specialist county-wide 'community resource team' that will bring together specialist services.*

● *A 'communications hub' that will enable professionals to share information easily to improve how care is coordinated; and enable public access to care and services quickly through a single point of access.*

Cabinet member for wellbeing, Coun Lynn Morgan, said: "This integration project underlines the council's commitment to a number of things: collaboration, efficiency, partnership, but most of all, delivering quality services which promote independence and wellbeing among our older or more vulnerable residents.

"This will avoid so much unnecessary duplication and make our care and support much more joined-up and citizen-focussed.

"I'm delighted to hear yet again how well we are working with health colleagues and the good work that is being planned and achieved as a result."

GEM READERS' LETTERS

Island Farm plan boost to the county borough

HERE we go again: The Island Farm planning application is back on the agenda, as we knew it would be.

The previous Island Farm Action Group, bolstered by the then Rainbow Alliance, managed to stall what would have been such a boost to Bridgend.

This time round, there are significant changes to the new application. The town councillors' decision to support the plan was the right decision and I applaud their actions.

The proposed sporting village will be a boost to the borough, bringing welcome employment and extra sporting facilities for the benefit of all residents, including schools, local clubs scouts etc.

Councillors need to be objective and consider the future of Bridgend and its people, and not be swayed by the minority who appear to reside in one corner of the borough.

The GEM states (May 19) that objections have been lodged against the scheme by the Laleston, Merthyr Mawr, and Ewenny Community Councils – not surprising since the previous anti-Island Farm Protest Group, and still wish to halt progress under a new title IFCA.

Perhaps the time has come for all the town and community councils in the borough to make comments; this development (if approved), will provide training facilities for our young athletes in the future.

Coun Diane Burns has stated that Bridgend is not a city but a small town – it was, when I was a girl.

Bridgend now boasts two of the largest housing developments in Europe, and I can't recall any opposition, when Broadlands was being developed, from the Ewenny/Merthyr Mawr residents.

In fact, a comment at one meeting was that it would not make much difference as we already had Bryntirion/Cefn Glas on that side of the A48.

The residents and their families deserve the chance to use these facilities. The elected councillors should be ensuring that conditions will favour our young people in the future.

Mrs Gwen Bradford,
Laleston.

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HELPING HAND FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

ARMED Forces Day takes place on Saturday, June 25.

This is an opportunity for everyone to show their support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces in our community, from current serving troops to their families and veterans, including those who undertook national service.

SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association) mid Glamorgan branch exists to ensure that the Armed Forces community is not disadvantaged by the burdens of their service life.

Armed Forces Day reminds us of the wonderful opportunities that are offered by a military career and the sacrifices both big and small we expect troops and their loved ones to make.

Serving personnel can endure a fractured family life resulting from long periods away from home and suffer physical and mental health problems that can last a lifetime.

Their loved ones can suffer additional stresses and even occasionally bereavement through service life.

While we celebrate Armed Forces Day, let us not forget that in mid Glamorgan there will be hundreds of people who may need extra help as a direct result of their service connection.

If you, or anyone you know, needs assistance, then SSAFA mid Glamorgan branch will be happy to help. We offer financial assistance along with emotional and practical support to those in need including home adaptations and specialised equipment such as mobility scooters. You can contact SSAFA at 01656 785435.

Dave Davies
(*SSAFA branch secretary)*

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 16)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
09 Thur	01.10	8.7	13.48	8.4
10 Fri	02.12	8.5	14,52	8.4
11 Sat	03.19	8.6	16.04	8.4
12 Sun	04.26	8.5	17.02	8.5
13 Mon	05.35	8.7	18.09	8.9
14 Tues	06.33	9.1	19.00	9.3
15 Wed	07.32	9.5	19.52	9.6
16 Thur	08.22	9.6	20.44	9.7

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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FAMILY AND FRIENDS SEE DANIEL TAKE THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Litchard teenager gears up for his Army career

DANIEL Evans (17) from Litchard, took his oath of allegiance at the Dragons March 2011 event in Margam Park last week, in front of his family, friends and hundreds of school pupils from across south Wales.

He will join the Royal Welsh Regiment and begin his training at the Infantry Training Centre (ITC) in Catterick.

The centre trains all Infantrymen joining the British Army, with 26-week training involving two phases. The first lasts 12 weeks and acts as an introductory period for all new recruits and the second will focus on operational and tactical training, a spokesperson explained.

"Daniel is the first recruit to go through the whole recruitment process since Bridgend Army Careers went mobile. Instead of recruits going into a careers office, the careers advisers and recruiters are out on the ground, in jobcentres, Careers Wales offices, schools, colleges and in town centres, meeting prospective candidates wherever they are and wherever is convenient for them," she stated.

Daniel said: "I have always wanted to join the Army - my father has really inspired me - he was in the Royal Artillery for 11 years and enjoyed every minute of it.

"I can't wait to travel, meet like-minded people and to also start a career for myself. I hope to become a driver in the Royal Welsh, meaning that I'll be able to incorporate what I love doing into my day-to-day job.

"The Bridgend Army careers advisers have really helped me and without the constant support from them and my mum, I don't think I would have got where I am today.

"When I first started training, I was running 1.5 miles in 12 minutes, but since going to the gym every day and joining the local running club, I can now complete the run in 9.5 minutes, which has really helped to push me further.

"The 26 weeks away from home will be difficult, but it's helping me get to where I want to be and so I can't be anything but excited."

Colour Sergeant Mark Burridge, from the Bridgend Army careers team, commented: "Daniel's transformation over the past six months has been really commendable. He has improved so much over a short space of time and we are all certain that he'll do well in the Army.

"He has only just made his first step into a military career and I know that he will fully enjoy the varied, active and interesting job ahead of him.

"The Infantry Training Centre in Catterick offers an ideal opportunity for young people to fully get a taste of Army life. There are currently 10,000 jobs available throughout the UK and so we urge anyone that's interested in joining the Army to visit their local Army Careers teams to see what options are available to them."

Police car parks vigil

Neighbourhood officers will be targeting car parks along the coast from Llantwit Major to Ogmore this summer, to combat seasonal crime and anti-social behaviour.

A police spokesman explained: "During the summer months, particularly the evenings, the coastal car parks often attract youths and others who act in an anti-social manner.

"These problems cause local residents a great deal of distress.

"Camping is not encouraged in the area because of the littering and camp fires that sometimes cause damage to the environment.

"The council have the authority to issue £40 fines to those caught camping overnight."

The operation would focus mainly on the beach areas of Ogmore and Southerndown.

PCSO Serena James, who is overseeing the operation, said:

"The operation will be run on a weekend and evening basis right through until September 1.

"Officers will be conducting high visibility patrols throughout the day and some plain clothed patrols will also be carried out."

They would warn motorists that any vehicles found parked on the double yellow lines leading to the beach entrance on Main Road, Ogmore-by-Sea "will be addressed with a zero tolerance approach and issued a Fixed Penalty Notice".

PCSO James added" "We want people to come and enjoy the beautiful coastal areas and not to have their enjoyment ruined by the few who choose to commit crime and anti-social behaviour and cause residents inconvenience by parking inconsiderately."

Air Cadets show off their prowess on athletics field!

ABOVE, left to right: Cadet Olivia Norris, Cadet Jordan Norris , Cadet Jessica Aston.

THREE cadets from Kenfig Hill ATC formed part of the No 3 Welsh Wing Athletics team competing with other Wings at RAF Cosford.

Cadet Olivia Norris was successful in three events, coming first in 400 and 1,500 metres and second in the relay team event. Cadet Jordan Norris came third in the relay team. Cadet Jessica Aston was also successful in the discus event.

If you are male or female and at least 13 years old then why not join 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron ATC. We are also looking for adult staff members and Civilian Committee members.

We parade on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7pm to 9.30pm. For more information, contact the Squadron on parade nights, on 01656 670125.

Lindsay Thomas (Secretary, civilian committee)

MAESTEG'S VOLUNTEERS ENJOY A WILD WEEKEND!

SEVERAL groups from across Wales were recently successful in applying for free B&Q vouchers, as part of Keep Wales Tidy's 'Have a Wild Weekend for Wales' campaign.

Volunteers from Maesteg Community Garden Projects rolled up their sleeves, got back to nature and gave local wildlife a helping hand in the area.

They had successfully applied for £100 worth of B&Q vouchers, which they used to buy shrubs and plants.

During the weekend, they cleared a piece of neglected ground and planted shrubs and bushes which should attract bees and butterflies. They also hope to put up some bat boxes in the next week or so.

Chairman, Alan Pearson said: "This is one of several projects we have undertaken to improve the environment around our homes in Maesteg.

"We involve the local children in planting shrubs and bulbs, and we would like to thank our MP, Huw Irranca Davies and our local councillors for their help."

Claimants: Three arrests

CO-OPERATION between South Wales Police and the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) has led to the arrest of three people in the area.

Recently, Bridgend Neighbourhood Police Officers and DWP worked together to trace claimants, as a result of information received by PCSO Lisa Moore, which she forwarded to the fraud department at DWP.

Keeping watch on the problem roads

SINCE 'Operation Leap' was launched in January, the Wales Road Casualty Reduction Partnership static camera van has been a regular sight for Maesteg residents.

The traffic offences campaign was begun by PCSO Bella Rees in response to public concern about offences committed by some road users in the Llynfi Valley.

The static van parks on roads that have been identified as having increased numbers of drivers travelling at excessive speed – to act as both a deterrent and detector of speeding.

A spokesman explained that as a result of data collected during the campaign, the Partnership has now nominated two new official speed camera van sites within the valley.

The van can now locate anywhere along the A4063 in the Llangynwyd and Cwmfelin wards and also on Heol Ty Gwyn in the Maesteg west ward with immediate effect.

PCSO Bella Rees said: "This is a fantastic result for the valley and its residents and is a great example of what can be achieved when everybody pulls together to create a community response to community concern."

Council tax discount for pensioners

THOUSANDS of local pensioners will again qualify for a council tax discount, Bridgend County Borough Council has announced.

A spokesperson stated that anyone who received the discount in 2010 will not need to reapply as BCBC has decided to automatically write to last year's recipients asking them to confirm that they wish their application to be considered for 2011.

The council has been allocated £163,534 by the Welsh Government to help local pensioners with their payments. Last year, approximately 5,500 pensioners in the county borough benefited from the scheme, receiving a one-off payment of £30.55 towards their council tax.

The spokesperson explained that to qualify for the one-off payment, pensioners must be living in the borough, liable for council tax and be at least 65. Anyone receiving a discount because they live alone is still eligible to apply as long as they meet the criteria.

BCBC is urging anyone who has turned 65 in the last year, or who qualified last year but has since moved house, to also apply for the discount.

Coun Huw David, cabinet member for resources, said: "Last year's scheme was popular, easy to understand and straightforward to distribute, meaning we were able to help 5,500 pensioners.

"It also meant we found other pensioners that we could help with longer-term council tax benefit.

As well as contacting last year's recipients, we hope that anyone who has recently turned 65 will get in touch with us to benefit from this simple, one-off scheme.

"I'm delighted that we are able to use this funding from the Welsh Government in such a positive way for local pensioners."

Prizegiving evening voted a huge success!

Photos by KEITH E MORGAN

Group photograph of all the Youth Community Awards Prize Winners for 2011 with Mr. Gerald Kelly, General Manager, Sony U.K.tec, Pencoed, on the extreme right of the photograph.

Individual Prize - 3rd. Prize £150 - Rachel Starrit, Pencoed.

Group Prize – Winner £500 – Ogmore Comprehensive School Peer Support Group.

Group Prize – Highly Recommended £250 – Yellow Wales, Biscuit & SMAF & Young People's Forum, Maesteg.

MARCH 24 was a special day for young people in mid Glamorgan, who received financial awards for their work in the community from High Sheriff Beverley Humphries, well known BBC radio presenter.

The special evening was hosted by generous permission of managing director, Steve Dalton at the SonyUKTec plant at Pencoed, Bridgend, and was attended by representatives from all parts of the county.

The mayors of Bridgend, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taf boroughs, together with local MP Huw Irranca Davies and AM Janice Gregory, were there to see young constituents receive prizes which ranged from £250 to £500.

The main speaker was Eleri Thomas, deputy children's commissioner for Wales, who also presented the High Sherrif Cup to the overall winner.

Current High Sheriff, Beverley Humphries, said she was delighted not just by being able to reward the young people financially, but also with achieving the objective of increasing their self esteem and helping them to integrate further into the community.

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WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE?

Mr Matthew Worcester – **5 Tremains Court, Brackla, Bridgend** – remove deadwood and reduce branches growing towards house.
Mr C Hogan – **13 Woodlands Rise, Bridgend** – erect single storey extension to the side and rear which includes a kitchen, utility room and garage.
Mr D Thomas – **39 Homfray Street, Maesteg** – second storey bedroom addition over existing kitchen.
Miss D Wright – **5 The Bungalows, Tylagwyn, Pontrhyl, Bridgend** – roof dormer extension.
Mr Tony Rees – **8 Mountain View, North Cornelly** – remove existing pitch roof and construct steeper pitch roof with dormer to side and construct conservatory.
Mrs Alison Mawby – **KPC Youth, off Pyle Inn Way, Pyle** – replace existing two storey building with permanent two storey building and erect single storey workshop for youth training.
Bridgend Custodial Services – **Parc Prison, Heol Hopcyn John, Coity** – replacement portacabin and store.
Mr Christopher Lewis – **land off Bettws Road, Llangeinor, Bridgend** – construct mobile field shelter.
Mr B Cox – **5 Parcau Avenue, Bridgend** – single storey extension to rear of property for dining area and kitchen.
Mrs Harper – **30 Heol y Goedwig, Porthcawl** – two storey extension comprising ground floor bedroom and en-suite, kitchen and first floor bedroom en-suite.
Mr Mike Duffy – **Central Athletic Ground, Pisgah Street, Kenfig Hill** – alterations to sports pavilion.
Mr Eifion Evans – **The Coach House, Pen y Lan Farm, Aberkenfig, Bridgend** – creation of solar power system.
Youth of Bettws – **Bettws Boys & Girls Club, The Old Council School, Heol Dewi Sant, Bettws** – removal or variation of conditions 7, 8 and 9 of consent P/09?199/FUL.
YUM Restaurants International KFC GB Ltd c/o DPP – **Island site (overflow car park), McArthur Glen Designer, The Derwen, Bridgend** – erect class A3 (food and drink) drive-thru restaurant, landscaping, highways and ancillary works.
Mr and Mrs Roberts – **36 Woodlands Park, Kenfig Hill** – single storey extension to side and rear.
Mrs Helen Norman – **Unit 30, Bocam Park, Pencoed** – change of use of office to children's day nursery.
Mr Huw Lewis – **5 Waterton Close, Bridgend** – proposed single storey rear extension.
Mr Graham Roblin – **1 Rockfields Crescent, Porthcawl** – first floor rear extension.
Mr Mario Jones – **31 Limetree Way, Porthcawl** – first floor side bathroom pod extension.
Mr Carl Price – **10 Acacia Avenue, The Burrows, Porthcawl** – single storey extension to rear and side.
Mr Rees – **16 Austin Close, Porthcawl** – alter and extend existing conservatory to rear of dwelling.
Coun Wayne Morgan – **Tesco Express, Unit 4, Ffordd Tirion, Broadlands, Bridgend** – install external stairways to replace desire line routes established by pedestrian traffic.
Pentan Partnership Architects – **65 Ael y Bryn, North Cornelly** – proposed demolition of 65 Ael y Bryn.
Bridgend CBC – **Coity Primary School, Heol yr Ysgol, Coity** – transfer existing mobile classroom from Brackla Primary to Coity Primary School and associated groundworks.
Mr Nevzat Kucuktas – **1 Penybont Road, Pencoed** – relaxation of condition of consent 89/0751 to permit opening hours until 12.30am.

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Spate of graffiti

Graffiti sprayed on an underpass at Broadlands Estate in Bridgend

BRIDGEND police are searching for the culprits after numerous walls in the area, including an underpass at the Broadlands Estate, were sprayed with graffiti.

"Graffiti is a blight on public property and I hope that members of the public can help us identify those responsible," said police community support officer Heather Dobbs.

Anyone with information should contact South Wales Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

ELEN'S FASHION PRIZE AT URDD

A YEAR-8 pupil from Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd has won first prize in an URDD Arts and Crafts competition.

Elen Lloyd, age 13, designed and created an outfit for the fashion competition and was delighted to be awarded the first place medal.

The outfit was displayed in the arts and crafts tent in the National Eisteddfod in Swansea last week and can also and be seen on the URDD website.

Each year, the URDD arts and crafts competitions have a different theme; this year the theme was 'your area'. Although Bridgend has had some bad press in recent years, Elen wanted to show the town and county is a great place to live, with beautiful scenery.

She created her own material, using collages of images printed onto a cream base and combining these into a striking patchwork of black and blue fabric. Her design comprises a pair of cropped trousers and a halterneck top with a lace up back.

This is the second time Elen has won an Urdd arts and crafts medal. She won first place for 3D textiles with a pyramid showing the Christmas story when she was in her final year of primary school.

£800 proceeds of a Passion play for Bridgend Foodbank

Photo by MIKE WILCOCK

Dale Gooding presents the cheque for £800 to Jeff Tildesley, Trustee of the Bridgend Foodbank, watched by Shawn Lloyd (producer of the Passion Play), Margot Young, Heather Weddell (Minister - UFC), Sue Freeland and Rosemary Samuel.

ON Friday (June 3), players from the Good Friday Passion Play, staged at Cowbridge's Holy Cross Church, gathered to share supper at the United Free Church and view the video made by Mike Wilcock.

Guest of honour was Jeff Tildesley, Trustee of the Bridgend Foodbank, who was presented with a cheque by 'Jesus' – Dale Gooding, on behalf of Churches Together in Cowbridge and District.

The sum of £800 was donated, comprising the generous donations made by those attending the two productions, together with the proceeds of the ticket sales.

Thanking the company for the donation, Mr Tildesley explained how the Food Bank, a Christian charity, began in Salisbury in 1999.

The first one to be opened in Wales was in Bridgend in 2009 and is a store where food donated by the community is banked and drawn on by people in crisis situations.

Individuals, couples and families are provided with three days of food to see them through the period between crisis and the provision of support and intervention by the appropriate agencies.

In the past year, Bridgend Foodbank has supported 1,102 families.

Mr Tildesley said: "This most generous cheque will be a huge boost to our ability to help to provide the basics when we have run out of donated food."

(Copies of the DVD are £5 each and can be obtained from Mike Wilcock at wilcock60@aol.com or from the Parish Office in Holy Cross Church).

Quiz League posers

HERE are your weekly teasers from the VA Newman Glass Quiz League:

1) What is the name of the cruel schoolmaster in a Dickens novel who said; "Subdue your appetites my dears and you've conquered human nature"?

2) Which motto by Sir Thomas Bond, after whom Bond Street in London is named, was used as the title of a 1999 James Bond movie?

3) Why were the Cheltenham Gold Cup & Champion Hurdle not held in 2001?

4) Mimi and Rudolph are characters in which Puccini opera?

A RUDGE

ANSWERS
1. Wackford Squeers.
2. The world is not enough.
3. Foot and Mouth epidemic.
4. La Boheme.

1,650 buildings are at 'some risk of flooding'

– *REPORT TO BOROUGH COUNCIL*

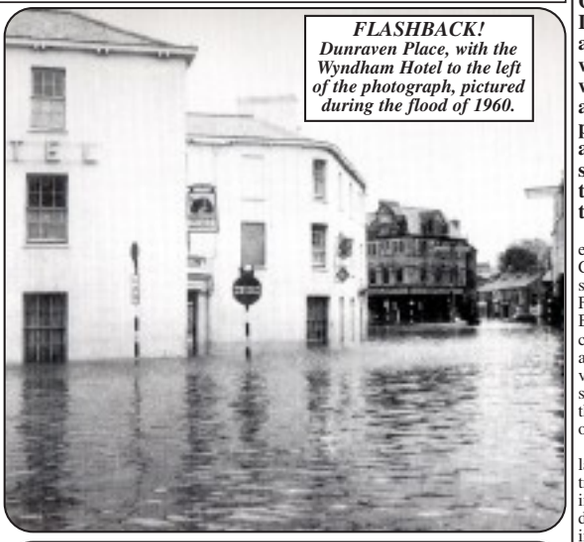
MORE THAN 1,000 properties are at 'some risk' of flooding in Bridgend county borough, although no areas are at risk of serious harm, according to a new report.

Bridgend County Borough Counci (BCBC) cabinet members heard that as well as 1,000 properties, 650 businesses are also at some risk throughout the borough, with a 1 in 200 annual chance of flooding occurring.

Special management strategies were in place to deal with the problems of flooding locally. Flood risk data and historic record data which were collected for the preliminary flood risk assessment report have now been added to a new database, and any new flooding incidents will be recorded in a set format to make assessments more reliable and consistent in future.

The report has been approved by the Environment Agency, and BCBC deputy leader, Coun David Sage, said: "This is a very important report aimed at reducing the risk of floods here in Bridgend county borough.

"We know we do have some places which can be affected by flooding, but it is reassuring to know that we have a good database and local teams on hand to monitor the situation and take appropriate action when necessary."



FLASHBACK! Dunraven Place, with the Wyndham Hotel to the left of the photograph, pictured during the flood of 1960.

The dramatic scene from Queen Street looking north in 1960.

Dunraven Place, looking towards Wyndham Street in 1960.

The Embassy bridge pictured at 9am on Sunday, December 9 1960.

SUMMER FAYRE IN NOTTAGE

THE St David's Nottage summer fayre is being held on Saturday, June 11, at St David's Church, Florence Street Nottage, at 12.30pm.

There will be a variety of attractions and stalls, including face painting. Refreshments will be available all afternoon with hot dogs and strawberries with ice cream.

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GEM report on cat centre's SOS moves new AM to action

AN article in last week's GEM which described how the Cat Protection League's Bridgend adoption centre was snowed under with unwanted cats and kittens prompted a regional AM to offer her services as a volunteer with the charity.

ABOVE: The picture of these gorgeous kittens in last week's GEM, caught the eye of the AM.

Suzy Davies, newly-elected Welsh Conservative AM for south Wales west, spent Friday at the centre near Bryncethin helping to clean out the cubicles and later went on home visits to help assess the suitability of some of the new homes being offered.

The GEM reported last week how the centre has seen a huge rise in the number of abandoned cats and kittens in the area – coupled with a 26 per cent drop in the rehoming figures.

This has left them with 246 cats and kittens in their care, and a list of almost 400 others waiting to come in.

Suzy, who is a supporter of the charity, decided to offer her services as part of National Volunteers Week. It also ties in with another initiative called 'Donate a Day' which is being championed by David Cameron.

She explained: "The CPL is a charity which my family has supported for many years. I was horrified to see in The GEM last week about how they are being squeezed at the moment, with more cats and kittens coming in while fewer are going out. It's a double whammy.

"When I was last at the centre earlier in the year, I was told that the recession is largely to blame, with people giving up their pets when they lose their jobs. This also means that fewer people are willing to make the commitment of taking in an animal."

ABOVE:
Suzy Davies gets acquainted with a guest!

Suzy spent Friday at the centre helping initially to clean out the cat runs and kennels. She was assisted by Mark Major, who works in her office at the Assembly and who is also a keen cat lover, with four of his own.

They were joined by two other young volunteers – Danielle Tanner (18), of Brynna who is a regular volunteer with the charity and Rosie Lloyd (17), of Blaengarw who was on work experience.

Danielle, a student at Bridgend College, regularly gives up three days a week to help out.

Rosie is on the animal management course at Pencoed College and hopes to work with animals once qualified.

Abigail Dodge, one of the cat care assistants, showed the volunteers how to clean out the cat litter trays and scrub everything.

The centre is very conscious of infection control and everything is done to prevent any cross infections from occurring. After her stint at the centre, Suzy spent the afternoon with a member of staff visiting potential homes to check that they are suitable.

"It was a very interesting and enlightening day," she said. "The staff at this centre are hugely dedicated and we are very lucky to have this centre in South Wales.

"I hope that by raising the profile of the centre more people might be encouraged either to re-home a cat or kitten or to help in other ways.

"This is an excellent charity and one I am very happy to support in any way I can."

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COMMUNITY NEWS from KENFIG HILL AND PYLE

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Tag rugby takes off

UNDER-7S Tag rugby team at Kenfig Hill RFC started the season as a new outfit and after the first training session, they could see that a lot of preparation was needed, as the majority of the players were new to the game and two of the coaches hadn't any experience at all.

The first game of the season was an eye opener to both the coaches and players when they suffered a heavy defeat by nine tries to nil against a strong Porthcawl side.

However, this didn't have a negative effect on them and they came back the following week with a rugged determination, playing a stunning game against Neath Athletic, only losing by one try, scored in the last play of the game.

As the season continued, many individuals came into their own as their skills and confidence grew, resulting in a first win at home to Cowbridge by five points to four.

This was quite a reversal, as in their previous meeting, they suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of Cowbridge by 14-5.

Following this, their season went quite well, seeing them win every other week, only losing the other games by the odd try.

The season ended in May with four teams playing in the Nantymoel District Tournament.

It saw the players develop as a team, with Adam Johnson, Carys Orchard, Daniel Evans, Dylan Lewis, Ellis Bentley, Ethan Jones, Ethan Denley-Ansen, Joshua Urch, Chantel Rees, Kelvin Mills, Osian Phinnemore, Thomas Hazell, Thomas Knapp, Tyler Brown, Daniel Jones and Lewis Watkins becoming stronger and this bodes well for challenges ahead next season.

Four up-and-coming players showing great potential who will be an asset to the team next season are: Finley Trehar, Shayne Clemence, Seren Buckley and Luke Harvey. The players' awards, presented at the end of the season went to: top try scorer, Osian Phinnemore; sportsman of the year, Adam Johnson; clubman of the year, Ethan Jones; with the coaches' merit going to Kelvin Mills.

Sportsman of the year Adam Johnson, with his cousin Shayne Clemence.

Who will give Spring and Sidney a home?

The GEM is in partnership with the Dog's Trust to find caring homes for animals in their charge at Bridgend Rehoming Centre
(Telephone: 01656 725219)

THIS WEEK: Sydney and Spring are a seven-year-old Jack Russell and an eight-year-old Lurcher.

A spokeswoman reports:

Sydney is a dear little boy, very placid and loving. Spring was quite underweight when she first came into us, but she is doing really well, and putting on weight.

She is a real sweetie, with a lovely gentle nature.

They could live with children over six and are fine to be left alone for a few hours. What a wonderful pair of dogs, just waiting for someone to give them a loving home!

If you would like to offer Sydney and Spring a home, or are thinking about welcoming a dog into your home, please visit us at Dogs Trust, Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, we are open Tuesday-Sunday, 12pm-4pm, or call 01656 725219.

You can see a selection of dogs on the Dogs Trust website at www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Pisgah Ladies

For just £5, the Pisgah Ladies Fellowship are providing one of their delicious cream teas at Pisgah Chapel on Thursday, June 16, from 2pm-5pm.

As usual, all the proceeds from this event will be going to a good cause, and on this occasion it is 'Y Bwthyn Newydd'.

Local workshops

The activities being held by the Mental Health Matters Wales on June 15 in the Talbot Community Centre, Prince Road are: writing with Val (expressive and fun) from 1pm-5pm and Valley and Vale arts and crafts workshop from 2pm-3pm.

Bored?

THERE is no need to get bored this weekend with all that's going on in Kenfig Hill.

It all kicks off on Saturday afternoon with fun and entertainment at the summer fair in St Theodores's Church, followed by the charity cabaret night with top entertainment in the Talbot Community Centre.

Between the two there is something for everyone from the age of 8-80.

For details on both of these events, telephone 07802 439679.

Community Watch

FOLLOWING concerns at the last PACT meeting and as part of the current priorities, the Pyle Neighbourhood Policing Team, assisted by the South Wales Police automatic number plate recognition team, patrolled the area on June 2.

It turned out to be a worthwhile operation as seven vehicles were impounded, with the drivers being reported on a variety of offences.

Many were also reported for offences such as not wearing a seatbelt and using a mobile phone while driving.

The NPT have also issued three youths with anti-social use of vehicle warnings, after catching them riding an off-road mini-motorbike on the cycle path past the back of South View in Kenfig Hill.

Due to unavailability of the Cefn Cribwr Community Centre, the next PACT meeting will be held in the Bethlehem Life Centre, Cefn Road, Cefn Cribwr on July 14 at 6.30 pm.

THE summer fayre will be held at St Theodore's Church this Saturday (June 11).

Choral society's summer concert

THIS year's Porthcawl Choral Society summer concert will feature Schubert's *Mass in G*, and miscellaneous items from the choir, soloists and instrumentalists, including soprano Wendy Kupinski, tenor Matthews Ioan Sims, and baritone David Maybury.

The musical director is Barrie Wilson and the accompanist is Sheila Miles. The concert is at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl, on Saturday, June 25 at 7.30pm. *Tickets (£7.50) are available from choir members, at the door, or on 01656 784211.*

Gasland film

THERE will be a showing of the film Gasland at the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major on Thursday, June 16 at 7.30pm.

The Oscar-nominated documentary shows the effects of shale gas extraction in the USA; the showing is free, and all are welcome.

It has been arranged by 'The Vale Say No' and Llantwit Transition.

Musical treats

BRIDGEND is fortunate to have rich musical talent in the area and tomorrow (Friday, June 10) in Aberkenfig Bible Church, Pandy Road, at 7pm there will be a concert featuring boy soprano Rhydian Jenkins.

Rhydian won the Bridgend young singer of the year junior section competition in 2009 and 2011, and the Urdd Eisteddfod in 2010 and 2011.

At the Aberkenfig concert will be the well known Mari and Lowri Izzard (twin sisters, and joint winners of the Bridgend Young Singer of the Year senior section.

They add a great deal of theatrical and comic expression to magnificent singing voices in their performance.

There will also be two relatively new choirs who are rapidly gaining a following with their musical prowess – Cantorian Coety mixed voice choir and Coytrahen's male voice choir (Bois Goetre-Hen a'r Cylch). Tickets will be on sale at the door.

On June 17 at 7pm, 'Elevate' dance company will be putting on a special performance at the same venue; tickets can be obtained from Gordon on 01656 725717.

Also on June 17 at 7pm in Cefn Cribwr Bethlehem Chapel Life Centre, there will be a special anniversary concert featuring two of the best choirs in south Wales, with totally different approaches to the music.

The Bridgend Male Choir consists of approximately 90 choristers, twice winners of competitions in the Welsh National Eisteddfod over the last seven years.

It is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Maesteg Children's Choir consisting of 40 choristers, has a number of song and dance routines based on West End and Broadway musical shows. It is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Tickets can be obtained by phoning Gareth/01656 882037, Sian/01656 732385, Aimee/01656 734589.

Cymantha Ganu

LAST Friday, I went to Smyrna Chapel, Pen-y-Fai, to the above event.

It proved to be not only a night of great musical entertainment, but the chapel was full on all levels, proving the need for similar occasions.

Bethan Thomas (accompanied on the piano by Ryan Wood), sang a number of songs in both Welsh and English – some verses without accompaniment.

You could have heard a pin drop in the audience as she sang, and the evening was a great success, with the audience invited to partake of a feast in the chapel hall.

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:
If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.
I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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Fun day

THE fun day at Parc Slip nature reserve visitor centre last week was a great success.

There were a number of different activities, led by members of the staff and volunteers and the Wildlife Trust raised more than £500, much needed in these days of cutbacks.

I walked around the reserve last weekend and it presents a great show – wild flowers everywhere, along with Canadian Geese and their goslings on the water, and acrobatic antics by lapwings.

Sports days

Ogmore Vale primary school urges parents to bring any supermarket vouchers they have collected to the school as soon as possible.

*The follo*wing classes will hold sports days (if the weather is suitable): nursery/reception class, June 10 at 1.45pm.

KS1, years 1 and 2, June 14 at 10.30am; KS2, years 3 to 6, June 15 at 1.15pm.

Disaster fund

TYNYRHEOL Primary School, Llangeinor, took part in the Royal wedding celebrations, during which money was collected to help the victims of the Japanese earthquake disaster.

The total raised was £60.50; well done to everyone at this small school.

A trial period for the pupils' breakfat club begins this week, and it will be assessed after a one-month trial.

Tondu SOS!

TONDU Primary Pupils who had 100 per cent attendance at the school last term, were: Sophie Andrews, Jack Bailey, Cerys Baker, George Barry, Noah Barry, Kian Brookes, Lola Brown, Megan Brown, Lucas Bryant, Tegan Chambers, Jerry Chan, Josie Chan, Ellie-Mai Davies, Jessica Davies, Ciaran Eastwood, Dylan Evans, Tom Evans, Ben Fisher, Cerys Fisher, Coel Gifford, Rhiannon Haines, Jacob Hale, Joseph Hier, Joseph Humphreys, Evan Humphries, Demi James, Dafydd Jones, Gracie Jones, Sian Kinsman, Benji Lock, Ben Pritchard-Davies, Owen Rees, Tia Richards, Brendan Salliss, Kit Salliss, Cameron Shears, Loren Taylor, Max Taylor, Daniel Thomas, Jack Webb, Iestyn Williamson, Ethan Wodecki, Lewis Wodecki, Bobby Zziwa.

The school is also asking for volunteers on June 12 to help the Eco Club remove topsoil from the grassed area in order to extend its car parking area.

It had a quote for £3,000 to clear the area, which is not available in the school's budget.

If anyone thinks they can help, please inform the school tomorrow Friday, June 10.

Stroke group's 'thank you'

KARYL CARTER, the communications support officer for Bridgend Stroke Association, thanks members of the parishes in Llansantffraid, Glynogwr and Garw Valley for their recent donation to the association.

With this support, along with help from the Mayor's charity, the association will be able to provide transport for 10 wheelchair users to attend the support group at the Evergreen Hall; at present help is given to approximately 100 stroke victims.

Birthday wishes

Congratulations to Barbara Grice and Cis Harris, who will be celebrating their 90th birthdays: Barbara on June 13 and Cis on June 15.

Strawberry teas

THE members of Llansantffraid, Betws and Aberkenfig parish will be providing teas with cream for £5 at St John's Church on Saturday, June 11 from 3pm; everyone is welcome.

Eisteddfod

Congratulations go to the following youngsters who took part in the recent Urdd National Eisteddfod, representing not only their schools, but the borough of Bridgend:

Aeron Davies, Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr, 2nd place; Grace ac Elinor, Ysgol Gynradd Y Ferch o'r Sger, 3rd place; Rhydian Jenkins, Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd, 1st place; Rhydian ac Anwen, Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd, 2nd place; Ifan Jenkin, Ysgol Gyfun Llanhari, 2nd place.

Aberkenfig WI news

ABERKENFIG and District Women's Institute has now finalised plans for its 30th anniversary year.

Following a party on June 8, the next item on the agenda is the annual lunch at the Nicholls Arms on June 15.

On July 15, members are taking a trip to Rhossili, followed by a visit to the Bishopston Flower Festival.

The Glamorgan Show on July 9, is an opportunity to see crafts, cookery, artwork and photography displayed at the North Cornelly Hall.

At the next meeting on July 13 at 2pm in the Welfare Hall, Heol Persondy, the speaker will be Alan Underhill whose subject will be the 'Department Store'.

Further information is available from www.cobwebs.co.uk or telephone secretary Pat Lewis on 01656 721933.

MAESTEG NEWS IN BRIEF

RESIDENTS of Llwydarth Road and Bethania Street have sent a petition to Maesteg Town council calling for action to reduce speeding traffic along this road, which is the main one leading into the town centre.

The council has referred the matter to the Neighbourhood Policing team.

MAESTEG Town Council has decided to have 92 hanging baskets placed around the town centre with a budget of up to £6,000.

This includes the planting and installation of the baskets and regular visits to the town by contractors to carry out watering and feeding.

Members said that last year's display was excellent and it was agreed to appoint the same providers.

PROBLEMS at St Michael's Road with parking and speeding are to be referred to police at the next PACT meeting.

Residents have complained that their cars are being damaged by speeding vehicles driving through the street.

RESIDENTS of the Goodwin Street/River Street/Meadow Street area of Maesteg have formed an action group to clear land and plant bulbs and flowers.

The group has already planted daffodils on grassy verges but now wants to plant both sides of the Golden Terrace embankment with trees, shrubs and bulbs.

Maesteg Town Council has donated £100 towards the cost.

WALKING MILES FOR MACMILLAN CHARITY

Pictures by Keith E Morgan

The 'MILES FOR MACMILLIAN' walkers wait in anticipation as the deputy Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Alana Davies, cuts the ribbon to start the walk.

'WE ARE MACMILLAN, CANCER SUPPORT', held their 2011 'Miles for Macmillan' Porthcawl Summer Walk on Saturday, May 28.

The two-mile long circular walk started at the Coney Beach Fun Fair where sweatshirts embossed with Miles for Macmillan, courtesy of Boots were given out to all prospective walkers.

The deputy Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Alana Davies, said a few encouraging words before cutting the ribbon and sending the walkers on their way. The route followed the Eastern Promenade and the Esplanade as far as the Shelter opposite the Seabank Hotel. Here, goody bags were given to each walker.

The walkers then made their way up John Street before returning to the start (and end) point at Coney Beach.

Happy band of walkers.

Residents find an excuse for another street party!

ABOVE: Anyone want to sign the cast?

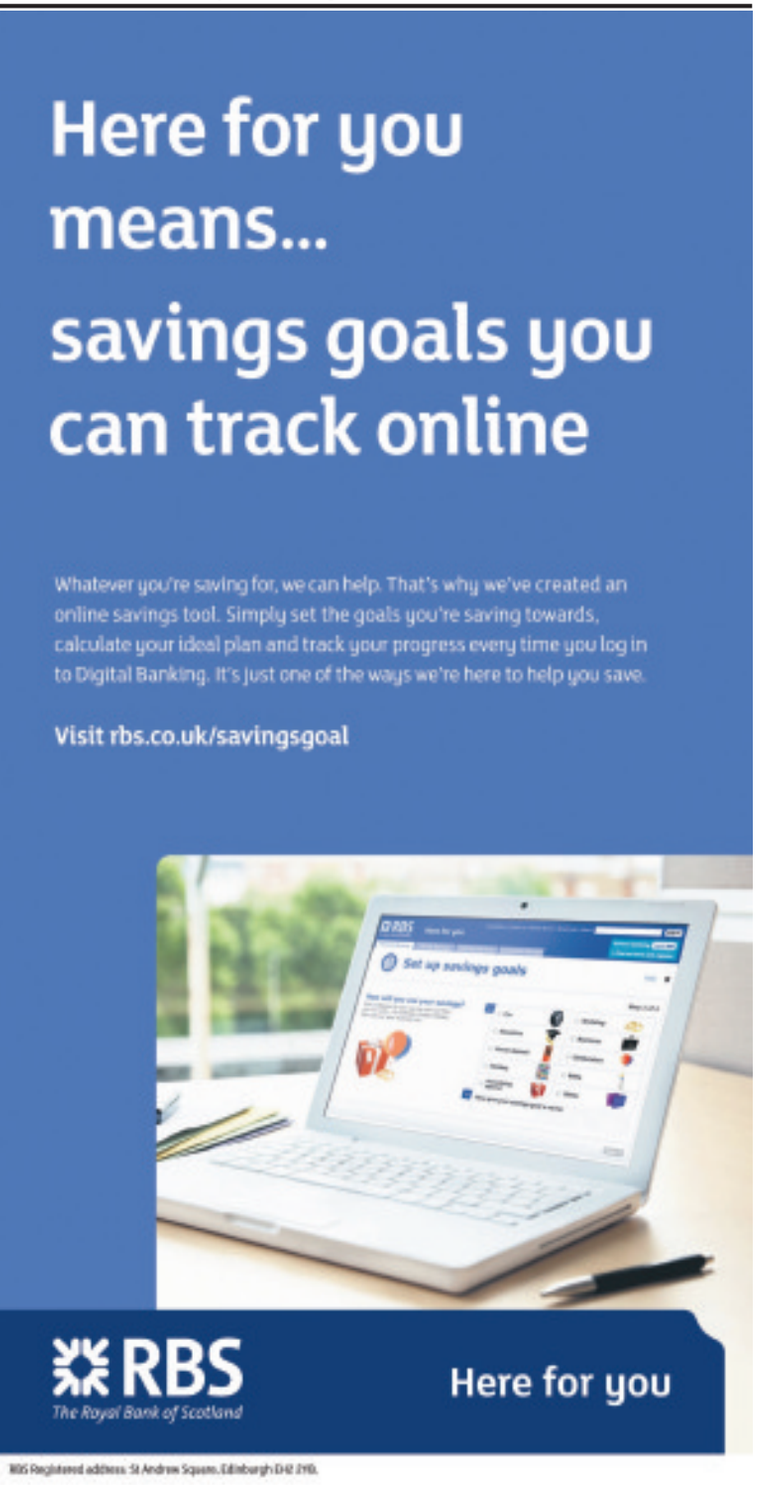
FOLLOWING the success of the recent royal wedding street party held at Penyrallt Avenue, Litchard, residents organised another street party under the title/excuse of 'The Big Lunch'...

One of the stars of the earlier street party, Steve Kilburn, made an equally impressive entrance sporting a plaster cast after sustaining a bad break in an accident.

Charity night for Mencap

STAFF at a local travel agency are organising a 'Party in the Barn' to raise money for the mental health charity Mencap.

The event will take place at the Grange in Wick, on Saturday, July 16, and is being organised by staff at Co-operative Travel in Llantwit Major. For tickets (£5) and more information, telephone 01446 794002.



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'BUY BINS AND RECYCLE WASTE'

AS residents of St Athan, my daughter and I have been receiving fortnightly collections of general waste, along with weekly collections of food waste and recycled waste for some considerable time.

We have only found it necessary to visit the site at Llandow when having work done on our houses.

Any excess furniture is collected free by appointment by Visible Services or collected free by a well-known charity.

The food waste bins are perfectly adequate and lidded, so do not smell – and we no longer suffer cats and birds ripping open the black bags, as there's no food in them.

My advice is to get organised, buy a few bins for recycled waste, and get on with it!

Rachel Harris, St Athan

'Be responsible ...and recycle'

I COULD not disagree more with John W Radcliffe's letter in the June 2 edition of The GEM.

If these so-called caring citizens actually did care about people, the environment and the planet we live on, they would be responsible citizens disposing of their rubbish and recycling as the council advises.

Residues of pet and other food containers and left-over food should all go into food recycling bins.

As for the issue of disposable nappies, if people decide that they have to use them (instead of one of the more environmentally-friendly options), these should be appropriately disposed of.

In short, if you have problems with smelly rubbish bags, it is nobody's fault but your own!

The council provides adequate rubbish and recycling collections.

If people cannot be bothered to use these facilities properly, then shame on them.

L Jones, Barry.

Email us your views at: ***gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk***

Reader asks: 'MUST CARS RULE EVERYTHING IN OUR TOWN?

THE Waitrose plans at Cowbridge propose that the footpath running at the back of Holy Cross church to the High Street should disappear beneath tarmac car-parking, along with the mature trees that line it. Do people realise this?

The footpath is a vital route to the shops which we must not lose – it is entirely enclosed and totally free from cars, affording a safe walk-way to the centre of town, which I truly appreciate and use every day.

The same could not be said for a re-routed path which would run the gauntlet in Waitrose's car-park!

The alternative, Southgate archway, is narrow and problematic and very difficult for parents with buggies or small children.

Even going through the park, you end up on The Limes, which is also unsafe for pedestrians.

Let Waitrose come, if they must, but surely they could stick to the current footprint of the Hurrans site?

I know this would mean slightly fewer car-parking spaces, but aren't there already too many cars attracted into the very heart of our small market town, which was never designed for them? Must the car rule everything?

M Hopwood, Cowbridge

'WONDERFUL DAY OUT AT DYFFRYN'

LAST month, we planned a trip to Dyffryn Gardens to celebrate my husband's birthday.

We were told about the contents of one of the letters in your letters column, titled 'A poor show at Dyffryn Gardens', but decided to visit the gardens, irrespective of the reader's negative comments.

Our party consisted of six family members and we had a wonderful day and the weather was very kind.

Everywhere we walked, we enjoyed the different gardens, so much to see and not enough time; I am a keen gardener myself so I will have a critical eye.

We were so glad that we went and hope to return to Dyffryn.

Christine Morgan, Carmarthen

'MP wrong to accept grant'

IT'S an absolute disgrace that Alun Cairns MP has claimed £29,000 resettlement, after stepping down as an Assembly member.

He is part of a (central) government that is slashing public spending, reducing the winter fuel allowance paid to pensioners, and cutting money that is paid to the sick and disabled.

This is taxpayers' money that can be put to much better use.

There was no resettlement – he went from being an AM to an MP. He should return the money and apologise.

G Smith, Llantwit Major

'Airport must improve customer relations'

THE Welsh Government, before spending £26.5 million on improving access to Cardiff Airport, should insist on an undertaking from the airport that they will improve their customer relations – as at the present time they are non-existent.

I have not spoken to one person that has a good word to say about the airport with regard to how they treat their customers.

CJ Wilkins, Welsh St Donats

Plastic tops for charity

DOES anyone collect plastic milk bottle tops for recycling, in aid of charity? I have a stock of clean plastic milk bottle tops to give to a local charity that can make use of them. Please phone 01446 795533 (evenings).

Richard Percy, Llantwit Major

Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D673.

- **£2,000:** 587075.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £4,000, was not won this week.**
- **£10:** 889115, 660161, 706440, 561001, 189316, 693252, 239766, 780055, 527458, 314612, 419893, 147892, 241895, 898879, 443587, 530497, 813527, 141582, 841130, 464415.
- **£5:** 508014, 710594, 602688, 326240, 871174, 859522, 387076, 757434, 772457, 300827, 577117, 153554, 744167, 571708, 548746, 612547, 998391, 672521, 708473, 574402, 884777, 530154, 863473, 423507, 807864, 368874, 213599, 524961, 270835, 633405, 335231, 251226, 314304, 894725, 391252, 122383, 537006, 336084, 356787, 388252, 555822, 238803, 250711, 224996, 495939, 855540, 874103, 335694, 361200, 860206, 217932, 396231, 778483, 417390, 516529, 282600, 428282, 851780, 754743, 221603.

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Is community clerk the first casualty of the Big Society?

IN a move that could be seen as an example of how Prime Minister David Cameron's Big Society might operate, the small community council at Wick has decided to go it alone and replace its community clerk with a volunteer.

The council meets just once a month and the clerk's job is very much a part-time position. The clerk, Karoline Whittington, has done the job for 12 years and earns on average less than £2,000 per annum for her efforts.

The residents of Wick pay this sum out of the annual precept as part of their annual rates bill. The GEM understands that it is intended to use the cash saved on community facilities.

There are seven councillors on Wick Community Council, and one who opposes the decision is Coun Mary Williams, who believes that the post is not suitable for a volunteer.

She told The GEM: "I want to acknowledge from the outset that the clerk, Karoline, is my daughter-in-law. However, my fears are nothing to do with trying to keep her in the job.

"She has a responsible full-time position and, quite frankly, does not want to come back after the way this decision was taken."

Small councils have a history of sometimes getting very heated. The nearby community council at St Bride's Major has seen several clerks quit in recent years because of rows among members,

Coun Mary Williams feels that a volunteer would not put up with the things that happen when a council gets heated.

The Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) has said that it will take the decision to a tribunal

Alan Slade, the assistant chief executive of the society, stated: "The Society of Local Council Clerks is a professional body which represents almost 4,000 clerks (local council managers) across England and Wales.

"The clerk at Wick Community Council, Ms Karoline Whittington, is being supported by the SLCC in her appeal against being made redundant by the elected members.

"The SLCC's position is that a clerk cannot be made redundant where the work still exists and no alternative provision has been made by the council.

"The society has called for an independent review of the situation at Wick CC and has concerns about the impartiality of the internal appeals committee appointed to handle the appeal against the termination of the clerk's employment."

The chairman of the community council is Carol Brown, who she said: *"In light of a councillor's approach to the press, I can confirm that Wick Community Council is undertaking a review of the role of its clerk.*

"The council is determined to ensure that we deliver excellent value for money for council taxpayers of Wick in these difficult financial times, and that we stay up-to-date in respect of the changing requirements of a small council like ours.

"As the clerk's salary and expenses account for 75 per cent of the council's precept, it is inevitable that, along with other expenditure, this position is reviewed as we strive to do our best for the community we seek to serve.

"As this review is still being undertaken, it would be inappropriate for me to comment further." **PHILIP IRWIN**

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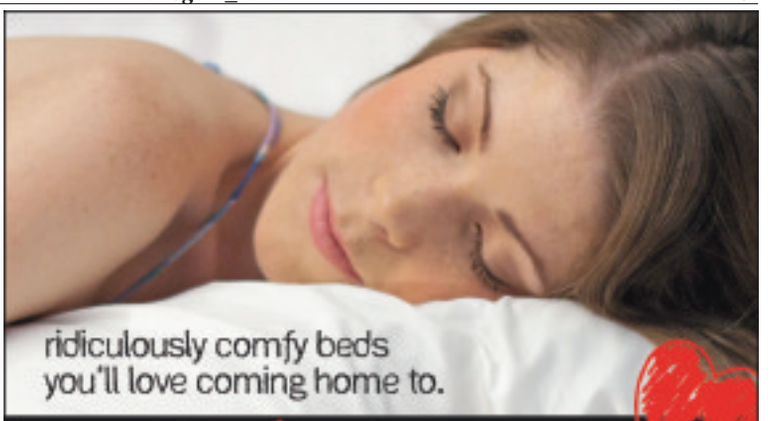

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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Voices in the Park

A COMMUNITY choir will burst into song for the first time next Tuesday evening in Crossways Church, Barry.

As part of Victoria Park's Proms in the Park event on August 14, there will be a choir formed to perform.

The mixed group of all ages will meet on Tuesdays between 6pm and 7.15pm to prepare for the big day, and they will perform a number of pop classics and Glee songs, including 'Penny Lane', 'Hallelujah' and 'Fields of Gold'.

The community choir idea is a partnership between Jon Gretrex the park manager, Alice Jones the director of Barry Ladies Choir, and Dot Connell, the director of Barry Male Voice Choir.

Anyone can join, and all will be welcome. Phone 01446 744914 for more details.

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Flower festival

THE Friends of St Lawrence Church, Fort Road, Lavernock Point, are opening the listed building for two days (Saturday, June 18 from 10am to 5pm and Sunday, June 19 from 12 noon to 5pm) for an unusual flower festival.

The theme of the festival will be communication, based on Marconi and his legacy.

Barry Amateur Radio Society, led by Glyn Jones, will be on hand to discuss and provide information about Marconi and his link with Lavernock Point.

Peter Bird of the Friends is providing a model of the Flat Holm to Lavernock link as background to the festival.

All visitors will receive a warm welcome. the co-ordinator for this event is the Rev Margaret Stark, honorary chaplain to the Friends of the Church. Enquiries to 02920 707776 or 02920 701303.

Angling sessions

PENARTH Angling Club is holding taster sessions for the family on Sunday, June 26, on Penarth Pier from 1-5pm.

Volunteers from the club will be on hand to help and all equipment is provided. Telephone 01446 704748.

NSPCC garden party

NSPCC Barry is holding its annual garden party at Dyffryn Gardens on Wednesday, July 13, at 3.15pm. ***Telephone 01446 746829 for details.***

Floral demo

THE Barry Floral Society meets at St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry, on June 14 at 2.15pm, when Mrs Brigette Manton, of Worcester, will give a demonstration 'Come Walk with Me'.

New members are welcome.

Charity coffee

A CHARITY coffee morning will be held in the All Saints Church Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth on June 16 from 10am-12noon.

Admission 50p; all proceeds for charity.

Summer festival at Merthyr Mawr

A SUMMER festival will be held at St Teilo's Church, Merthyr Mawr, on Sunday, June 12.

There will be music from the St Donat's singers at 3.30pm and tea/coffee with home made cakes, and also a raffle, tombola (with every ticket a winner), jewellery/scarf, china and craft stalls. Children will be very welcome.

The festival continues at 6pm with evensong when Bishop David Yeoman will preach.

Visitors are welcome to stay, or just attend the special service.

Annual transport festival takes place this weekend...

SUNDAY, June 12, sees the annual Barry Festival of Transport take place at the former Western Welsh bus depot in Broad Street, Barry, and also at the festival site on the former Barry railway goods yard in Hood Road.

The event will run from 10am to 5pm and entry is free to both transport exhibitors and visitors alike.

The organisers, the Cardiff Transport Preservation Group, restores old buses not just from Cardiff, but throughout south-east Wales.

Mike Taylor, chairman, said: "The Festival of Transport attracts a wide range of classic, historic or vintage buses and coaches, but we also try to make the day interesting for all, with some commercial vehicles, a number of classic cars and motorcycles of all ages.

"Most of the vehicles were made in this country by long lost names. like Leyland, AEC, Austin, Morris, and Humber, but some may come from other parts of the world, though they are generally vehicles you will not see on our roads today.

"We have our own collection of heritage buses here in Barry and other owners bring their vehicles from many parts of Wales and England and it is a privilege to see the many hours of work that have been spent in restoration," said spokesman Tudor Thomas.

"The festival is a fun day for all the family and old fashioned Ford cars or Bristol buses can mix on the day with the odd Cadillac or Harley Davidson.

"This year we have a mid 1960s Hong Kong bus that is rather special. We never know what will turn up, as exhibitors book late.

"What is certain is that there will be a local Welsh flavour, with many old buses from around Wales.

"The bus depot in Barry is home to more than 30 vintage buses, nearly all with a south Wales background with the oldest being over 60 years – a number have been restored by members, while others await restoration.

"The depot also hosts a display room which features historic uniforms, old ticket machines, driver and conductor badges, former bus company records and photographs; and we at the Cardiff Transport Preservation Group are always anxious to add to this memorabilia collection, especially if it has a Welsh collection."

Support group's meeting

THE Vale of Glamorgan Fibromyalgia Support Group monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14 between 11am and 1pm.

Contact the group leader, Barbara Clissett, on 0845 345 5813 for further details. Calls are charged at standard rate.

St Donat's concert

ON Sunday (June 12) the St Donat's Atlantic Chorale will sing 'Gloria' by Antonio Vivaldi, and works by Handel, Bellini and Donati, in a concert called Musica Italiana.

The 50-strong choir, formed two years ago, has invited guest soloists Lucia Pauline Vernon and Sarah Maxted, and Elin Adams (oboe) to perform with them at The Bradenstoke Hall, Atlantic College, St Donat's.

Contact 01446 799100 or www.stdonats.com for details.

There's another chance to see the choir in action on Sunday, June 19 at a garden party in aid of the National Eisteddfod of Wales.

This latest X Men outing certainly is First Class!

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

WHETHER you subscribe to the world of *Final Destination* or not, fate certainly does seem to get its way; when Matthew Vaughn departed *X Men: The Last Stand*, after feeling that he didn't have enough time to make a film worthy of following the superb *X2*, it seemed his ties to that universe had been cut forever.

Fast forward five years, and Vaughn is now back in the bosom of the family as he takes on that very universe, and tells the tale of how the characters of the franchise became who they are.

In *X Men: First Class*, we meet Charles Xavier (James McAvoy) and Erik Lensherr (Michael Fassbender), two men with mutant abilities whose upbringing and lives have made the former happy to fit in while the latter feels like an outcast.

However, when Sebastian Shaw (Kevin Bacon) forges a plan to use the Cuban missile crisis to start a war to bring mutants to the fore, CIA agent Moira MacTaggert (Rose Byrne) recruits Xavier and Lensherr to find other mutants and stop Shaw's dastardly plan...

While the first *X Men* arguably started the latest wave of comic book adaptations, and its sequel was that rare beast in being superior to its forebear, the wheels came off with the third instalment.

Going back in time for a prequel was the order of the day, and it's a move that pays wonderful dividends, as *First Class* more than lives up to its name.

Matthew Vaughn's second bite at the *X* cherry brings a pleasing pace and deftness of touch that harkens back to the Singer films.

Having flashed his action credentials previously, here he lets loose with some superb set-pieces, whether it's the tense missile-led stand-off or an infiltration sequence that highlights the teleporting powers of the evil Azrael.

Yet, like many who have directed this genre, he appreciates that you need to ground the spectacle in an engaging narrative and with characters you care about, something his script with Jane Goldman certainly achieves.

While the pacing sometimes feels a little too frenetic, the pair sketch the central relationship between Xavier and Lensherr with intricacy. Their opposing ideologies has always been the crux of the *X Men* stories, and here we learn about their friendship and what drives them apart

It helps that they are embodied by two fantastic actors, with both James McAvoy and Michael Fassbender delivering excellent performances. McAvoy shows a cheeky charm and charisma that is a million miles away from Patrick Stewart's rendition of the character, yet gives the character the steely resolve and sense of responsibility that is all too familiar.

Meanwhile, Fassbender shows a grit and quiet malice as the soon-to-be Magneto, again like McAvoy delivering a nuanced turn that only slightly evokes Ian McKellen, but offering something fresh and wholly engaging.

The rest of the cast all serve their purpose, with performances ranging from good to strong, the likes of Kevin Bacon, January Jones, Rose Byrne and Jennifer Lawrence all bringing the characters to life regardless of screen-time.

Even at over two hours, there is still much that could have been included, the film feeling a little too rushed for its own good – with some subplots and characters short-changed by the necessity of the story hanging on the relationship of Xavier and Lensherr.

However, this is still a superb way back into the world of *X*, and should Vaughn and co return for a second helping there is still plenty to mine from the fallout of *First Class*.

VERDICT – A stylish and swish action film that balances brains with brawn, *X Men: First Class* returns a sheen to the franchise. Directed with levity and no lack of skill by Matthew Vaughn, and anchored by superb turns by James McAvoy and Michael Fassbender, this film most certainly is First Class! *Highly recommended*.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Gaining an insight into life on the front line...

Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

WHAT next, Sir?' is the question that some 20-year-old Army officers will hear from soldiers whilst under attack from a foreign enemy.

That is the sort of decision making and leadership that young officers in the British Army have to demonstrate on an all too regular basis.

During the parliamentary recess last week, I visited the Army Officer Training College at Sandhurst to support some of our Afghanistan war veterans and to witness the training that officer cadets undertake before commanding a group of soldiers.

Their training is rigorous and crosses all types of warfare that our servicemen and women could have to encounter; be it from traditional combat to jungle warfare, to defending political attacks in the desert and beyond.

The most interesting aspect of the training I witnessed crossed three days.

It was a scenario leading up to an election day in a foreign land, where there were tensions between various community groups.

Half of the company were posing as the public and the others as soldiers using all their resources to secure and manage a peaceful ballot.

Those posing as the general public were briefed to act as religious leaders, heads of tribes and other roles to replicate an extreme scenario.

Some protested that the army was biased, others complained about vote rigging and others were out to cause as much trouble as possible.

The purpose of this setting was to test the leadership and decision making of officer cadets.

In one tense scenario, a girl claimed to have been attacked, which led to a riot.

The consequence was that a soldier was dragged from a 'safe-house' in an outburst of violence.

The officer under assessment had to determine how to act. Should he direct a shooting and risk the life of their colleague and of some civilians?

Would that escalate the tension or would it give the best chance of protecting his colleague who was being attacked in the open?

What alternative actions could he take? What was the risk of not acting? How should he best calm the situation?

This was a mock-up of a situation that our brave servicemen could be charged with handling in just five months' time, when some of them will be commanding in Afghanistan.

These young people are amongst the most impressive individuals I have ever met.

All between the ages of 18 and 28; many will be commanding a group of soldiers, much older than themselves with far greater experience.

However, their discipline, intellect, leadership, management and communication skills were second to none, and puts them apart from most other people.

I greatly admire the young officers I met whilst at Sandhurst, and meeting the war veterans and hearing their stories was a real privilege.

PACT MEETINGS

ILLTYD PACT at 7pm on June 21 at Mount Sorrel Hotel.

CASTLELAND PACT, 7pm on June 27, communal lounge, Philippa Freeth Court, Dock View Road, Barry.

RHOOSE PACT, Celtic Way Community Centre, June 9 at 7pm.

PENDOYLAN Community Council, Pendoylan School, June 9 at 7.45pm.

LLANDOW/EWENNY PACT, Ewenny Village Hall on June 15 at 7pm.

WENVOE Community Council, Wenvoe Community Hall on June 16 at 7.30pm.

SULLY PACT, Williams Room, Old School, South Road on June 13 at 7pm.

MP'S SURGERIES

THE Vale MP Alun Cairns, will be holding surgeries for advice and assistance on Friday, June 10 as follows:

1.30pm-3pm at the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys; and 4pm-5.30pm at Morrisons, Penny Way, Barry.

Anyone in the Vale is welcome to attend, but surgeries are very busy, and it is advisable to call 01446 403814 to make an appointment.

'I want to do more for constituency'

TWELVE months on from his election victory, the Vale MP, Alun Cairns, says "the time has flown by".

In addition to regular advice surgeries, he holds open community meetings to "hear reactions and concerns of residents and to respond to any questions they may have".

He explained: "Although I have an active record of contributing in Parliament and championing issues relating to the Vale, I want to do more.

"I wanted to make sure that constituents had the opportunity to meet with me within their own community in an informal setting, for me to hear what issues and actions are important for them – on both a very local level and on a national basis."

The MP is holding 20 anniversary community meetings between now and July at village halls, community centres and public houses across the Vale.

"I'm really looking forward to hearing about what matters most to residents and businesses alike, and hope I can answer any questions or provide support for any issues that are raised with me," Mr Cairns said.

Anyone in the area is welcome to attend the informal community meetings.

June 11, The Sportsmans Rest Peterstone-Super-Ely, 10am-11.30am; St Nicholas Village Hall, St Nicholas, 12pm-1pm.

June 17, Lee Hall, Dinas Powys, 5.30pm-7pm; Llanfair Primary School, St Mary Church, 7.30pm-8.30pm.

July 1, The Gathering Place, St Athan, 5pm-6.30pm.

July 2, Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major, 11am-12.30pm.

July 8, Rhoose Community Centre, Stewart Road, 6pm-7.30pm; Barley Mow, Graig Penllyn, 8pm-9pm.

July 19, Pendoylan Village Hall, Pendoylan, 6pm-7pm; The Star, Treoes, 8pm-9pm.

July 20, The Blacksmiths Arms, Llanmaes, 6.30pm-7.30pm; Sycamore Tree, Colwinston, 8pm-9pm.

July 21, Memorial Hall (Oriel Room), Barry, 6.30pm-8pm.

Burglary: Man is charged

POLICE investigating a flat burglary in Cowbridge on May 30 said that a 38-year-old man from Porthcawl has been arrested and charged with burglary.

He has been remanded in custody.

CCTV arrests

CCTV working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted with six arrests in Barry during the week ending June 5.

It contacted the police on 40 occasions. One arrest was made on Skomer Road, Barry on May 30 involving criminal damage, a second was made the following day on Holton Road for alleged shoplifting.

Two arrests concerning burglary were made on June 1 in Main Street, and two more arrests were made on June 4 in Vere Street.

One involved possession of an offensive weapon and the other dangerous driving.

Local volunteers are praised by AM

VALE AM Jane Hutt has welcomed Sport Wales' commitment, as part of National Volunteering week, to encourage more people to volunteer.

She said: "I commend Sports Wales for their bid to recruit nearly 250,000 sports volunteers in Wales by 2016 and I am currently pressing for progress with the Colcot Sports Centre refurbishment project which will support volunteers who coach football and who back young people's involvement with sport.

"I would also like to congratulate Barry YMCA for winning a top award for managing volunteers at the UK Sports Council Awards," she added.

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Inspiring women target £12,000 for cancer charity

TEN inspiring women from across south Wales who have all had breast cancer, are hosting a strawberry tea event with BBC presenter Jason Mohammed – to raise money for Breast Cancer Care Cymru, at Dyffryn Gardens today (June 9) from 4pm–8pm.

Elaine Nicholas, of Barry, one of the organisers, said: "Having all been through a breast cancer diagnosis, we are all too aware of the importance of breast awareness.

"My diagnosis was picked up on my first, post-aged 50 routine breast screening, which reinforces to me how lucky we are to have such a service.

"All women really must go when the invitation drops through the door, no matter how inconvenient!"

The ladies hope to raise more than £12,000 for Breast Cancer Care Cymru and have secured sponsors including Geldards, Pepsico, Confex and Western Power Distribution.

Elaine added: "Breast Cancer Care aims to be there for everyone affected by breast cancer and all of its services are offered completely free of charge, with no government funding. So the funds that are raised by events such as this are vitally important.

"It promises to be a fantastic event with Jason Mohammed hosting.

"We also have a treat for fashion lovers as there will be a mini fashion show, where five ladies and one man will demonstrate that it is possible to look and feel beautiful, despite having been through a diagnosis.

"They will be modelling hats donated by Vivienne Sheriff and clothes from Body Basix. I was fortunate enough to be a model at the very first Breast Cancer Care Cymru fashion show in 2010 and six of us original models will be donning our top hats once more."

Lisa Gilmour, area fundraising manager at Breast Cancer Care added:

"What the ladies are doing is wonderful. I'm amazed by how much effort and hard work they have put into organising an event like this.

"In Cardiff and the surrounding area alone, more than 9,000 people are living with a diagnosis of breast cancer.

"The money they raise will enable Breast Cancer Care to continue providing free support and information to anyone affected by the disease, when they need it most."

Anyone wishing to hold their own event can register now for a free strawberry tea fundraising pack full of ideas, games and invitations.

We would also love to hear from you if you can offer your services as a fundraising volunteer. Visit ***www.breastcancer-care.org.uk/strawberry*** *or call 02920 234073.*

JAY SHEPPARD

Shot squirrels spark RSPCA investigation

THE RSPCA are appealing for information after a squirrel was found shot in Llancarfan.

On May 25, it was found in a resident's garden so badly injured that it had to be put to sleep by a vet.

A similar incident occurred on June 1 in Llantwit Fardre, when another badly-injured animal had to be put to sleep.

RSPCA inspector Gemma Black said: "Shooting an animal is a criminal offence and it's vital that we find the perpetrators as soon as possible.

"Anyone found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering to an animal could face a maximum six-month prison sentence and/or a fine of £20,000 under the Animal Welfare Act 2006. "

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RHOOSE ... a charming village in the Vale!

With the arrival of hot summer days, Rhoose is a Vale destination which provides a great day out!

by TIM CHAPMAN

MANY people dream of a seaside or rural idyll and the village of Rhoose is fortunate enough to combine the two.

It even has a notable Welsh geographical claim to fame!

Glenys, the owner of Coffee Time, for quality homemade cakes, lunches and speciality coffee.

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At this time of the year, with the hot summer weather, it becomes a magnet for daytrippers and tourists, not only from the Vale and Cardiff, but from even further afield.

There are clifftop walks with stunning views of the Bristol channel, traditional Welsh pubs for afternoon and evening meals, entertainment venues and friendly family-owned village businesses.

For a family anxious to take advantage of the good weather, Fontygary Leisure Park, with its state-of-the-art facilities, can provide a perfect day's relaxation and enjoyment.

The manager, Jennie Flanigan, explained: "We are open to the public and you don't have to be a member.

"Families can come down for the day, with the parents enjoying a drink or ice-cream and the wonderful views, while the children play in one of the three play parks, or have a game of football or rounders on the field.

"The pool in the leisure complex is very popular and we have access to the beach which is lifeguarded. Children enjoy exploring the rockpools.

"There are lovely walks all the way from the park to Rhoose Point and in the other direction too.

"For something to eat or drink, there's the Lite Bite cafe, the fish and chip bar, and the Indian and Chinese restaurants open at 6pm."

The leisure and fitness facilities at the park include a cardiovascular room complete with rowers, bikes and cross trainers, a weights room, a jacuzzi, a sauna, and the pool, which is open seven days a week, has fun equipment like slides and wobstacles for the children.

Entertainment is also laid on at Fontygary Leisure Park in the evenings.

Another local attraction is Ocean Lounge, which provides regular entertainment such as singers, karaoke and bingo, and it provides a large choice of meals for both adults and children in the the 'Ocean Lounge Bar'.

On Sunday afternoons from 2pm it draws crowds to its weekend car boot sale too!

Pubs and restaurants also feature strongly in Rhoose and its surrounding area, and one example is The Highwayman Inn, which has a great track record in responding to its customers.

Apart from the traditional service of weekday meals and Sunday lunches, it provides entertainment such as karaoke, bands, singers and psychic entertainers, and even has an over-60s' menu at competitive prices. Meals are served every day of the week.

As you will note, Rhoose is deceptive in what it has to offer. For a small population it is astonishing to consider that it is home to an airport, hotels and a railway station.

Vale councillor Jeff James, who has served on the council for 32 years, and has witnessed the rise of Rhoose in the last three decades both as a resident and as a decision maker, also pointed out its additional claim to fame: "It is the most southerly village in Wales, and the beach is the most southerly point in Wales – weather systems don't seem to be as severe in Rhoose.

" I think Rhoose has its own micro-climate!

"We are lucky with our coast, the walks and the countryside.

"We've also got local businesses and entrepreneurs who know their customers and offer a very good service," he observed.

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LEFT: The newly-refurbished Fontygary Inn is a popular choice for both locals and visitors.

Club a magnet for young

RHOOSE Football Club has had a very successful season, with more than 90 children now playing every Saturday, as well as the senior side, who are in the first division of the South Wales Amateur League.

Rhoose has recently organised two football soccer schools with former Manchester United and England under-21 star Russell Beardsmore, which proved very successful, with everyone getting professional coaching as well as joining in fun events and receiving a commemorative medal.

In May, Rhoose hosted its inaugural football festival with almost 400 boys and girls attending from across the Vale, Bridgend and Cardiff. It was a terrific occasion for the players and their supporters.

The club gives special thanks to Sport Wales, who have supported Rhoose in its objective of increasing the number of children playing football, and providing trained coaches to help develop the players.

Rhoose is thriving at the younger age groups, but both the under-11s and under-12s are in need of additional players for next season.

If you are currently in year-6 or 7 and would like to play football next season, we would be delighted to hear from you.

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Former mayor signs off with visits across Porthcawl

The mobile brigade postmen under starters orders from the former mayor!

Coun Mary Emment-Lewis visits Porthcawl Fire Service Station to meet the firefighters.

ABOVE: Visiting Porthcawl library – Elaine Winstanley, branch librarian, takes the ex-mayor through the computer internet terminals.

PHOTOS by KEITH E MORGAN

FORMER mayor of Porthcawl, Cllr Mary Emment-Lewis, finished her year in office by visiting the service organisations of the area.

She was privy to a vehicle extraction from the Porthcawl firefighters, sorted her own mail at the sorting office, and was give a tour of the library before hanging up her mayoral chain.

The National Trust could take over Vale's Dyffryn Gardens

– *if all the sums add up!*

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

THE Vale Council is in discussions with the National Trust over a plan to lease Dyffryn Gardens to the trust.

Dyffryn House and Gardens could then be managed by the National Trust in future, should Vale councillors give the go ahead.

However, the council will have to pay an immediate £1.5 million to the trust for "essential improvements" – and another £6.9 million for the trust to spend on further work.

The £1.5 million is already budgeted for, but the council would have to borrow the £6.9 million.

However, the council can set against that the fact that it currently spends £550,000 each year in keeping the gardens open, having acquired the house and gardens after local government reorganisation in 1996.

The National Trust would get in return a 50-year lease (with a break clause after 20), so it appears that the council would save £11 million over those 20 years, less the interest charges on the £6.9 million).

Officers involved in preparing the report have described the council's costs as "broadly unchanged" over those 20 years.

The cabinet of the Vale Council were due to consider the report that recommends leasing the house to the trust, yesterday (June 8) as The GEM was going to press.

Coun Gordon Kemp, the Leader of the Vale Council, said: "We understand the proposal could guarantee the house and gardens a bright future.

"The council has made great strides in renovating the gardens and progressing the renovation of the house with a view to eventually opening it to the public.

"However this beautiful property could benefit from the National Trust's vast experience in renovating, managing and marketing such sites. The cabinet will be carefully considering the report."

Approximately 50,000 people visit Dyffryn Gardens each year, with many expressing a wish to see the house renovated and open for visitors.

It is believed the number of visitors could double under the National Trust's management, bringing economic and tourism benefits to the Vale.

John Morgan, The National Trust's director for Wales said: "We welcome the opportunity to work with Vale Council and to look at ways of protecting and enhancing Dyffryn Gardens for future generations.

"Should discussions be successful, our priority would be to build on the council's work of restoring this special place.

"We would be focused on continuing the restoration of the garden rooms, arboretum and parts of the house while encouraging local communities to enjoy the facilities and to work with us to create new opportunities for social enterprise and recreation."

Since the Vale Council became responsible for Dyffryn, a programme of restoration of the gardens has progressed, securing more than £6 million of Heritage Lottery Fund grant (HLF).

This has included restoration of the unique gardens to their original design and the development of facilities including a café, gift shop, play area and education centre. Works are nearing completion.

The Heritage Lottery Fund has recently granted a further £600,000 towards partial restoration of the House.

If the plan goes ahead, existing staff at Dyffryn would transfer to the National Trust. There are 33 employees, although some positions are seasonal.

The National Trust is the largest conservation organisation in Europe, supported by 3.8 million members, 100,000 of whom live in Wales.

The trust has also said recently that it feels it is under-represented in Wales.

It is hoped that the higher profile generated by being in the National Trust, together with the work that is planned, will double the number of visitors.

Woman's Coney Beach handbag theft was to pay off her drug debt

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A WOMAN who was relaxing on Coney Beach in Porthcawl had her handbag stolen, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Fortunately, said prosecutor David Thomas, security staff spotted the offender, 28-year-old Tammy Jones of Bridgend, and detained her.

Jones had been convicted by Vale magistrates of theft and possessing heroin and she was also in breach of a conditional discharge for possessing drugs and had been committed to the crown court for sentence.

Judge Philip Richards sentenced her to 72 days imprisonment, but in view of the time she had been on remand, she was released immediately.

The judge told her: "It is now up to you. No-one else can help you unless you help yourself.

"I hope you can put all these matters behind you."

Mr Thomas said that on April 14, police searched Jones in the centre of Bridgend and found her in possession of heroin.

Eleven days later, Teresa Flynn and her family were at Coney Beach. Ms Flynn put her handbag behind her, Jones spotted this and stole it.

She later took a camera from the bag. A Nintendo game worth £150 was also found to be missing.

Jones told the police: "I was forced to nick the bag because I owed money."

In March, said Mr Thomas, she appeared before Cardiff Crown Court and received a six-month conditional discharge for possessing drugs.

The actual drugs, he said, had been in the possession of two men who were in her car.

Her counsel, Jeannette Treharne, said Jones had been in custody for more than six weeks and had developed "a positive attitude" towards ceasing her drugs problem.

"She stole the handbag simply to fund her heroin habit. What she needs to do is leave the area.

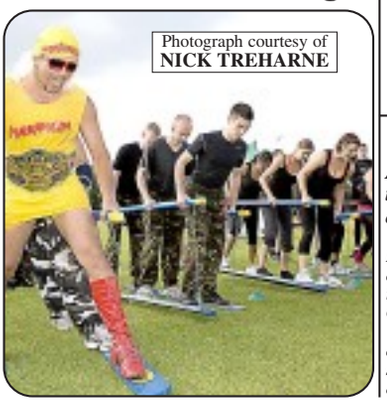
"She requires help and her circumstances are rather unusual." she added.

Ty Hafan invites supporters to enter It's a Knockout' challenge

TEAMS are already lining up for the chance to take part in this year's Ty Hafan 'It's a Knockout' challenge on Sunday, July 24, at the Police Headquarters Sports Ground in Bridgend.

Last year, 30 teams battled it out to become the first to win the coveted title.

Teams can register for the event, by visiting www.tyhafan/knockout or by calling 029 2067 2065.



Photograph courtesy of **NICK TREHARNE**

Plans for old Maesteg chapel

AN old chapel in Maesteg is set to have a new lease of life as a cultural centre.

The Welsh Religious Trust bought Bethania Chapel some time ago. The chapel is a Grade 2 listed building and is on the 'At Risk' register of the Welsh Government.

The trust intends to restore the chapel to the highest conservation standards and to secure its future by establishing a new use for the building. Initial consultations have found that it could become a cultural centre for the valley, although no final decisions have been taken.

A local support group in Maesteg is now being formed to discuss and develop future uses.

Maesteg Town Council has agreed to support the project and has appointed Coun Mike Harpur to be the council's representative on this group.

NEW FOOTBALL TEAM FORMED

Local resident Kelly Hall, from Bridgend, has recently set up an adult disabled football team for men and women with all types of disabilities.

Bridgend DFC will be offering disabled people in the county the opportunity of playing regular football against teams such as Chelsea, Liverpool, Aston Villa and many others within an English 'Ability Counts' League.

The team train twice a week from 4pm–6pm at Newbridge Fields and are looking for new players to join the team.

Anyone with a disability and who is interested in football can join the team for training.

On July 3, the team have been asked to enter a team into a seven-a-side tournament hosted by Chelsea Football Club.

The club is looking for local support to sponsor a kit for the team to wear on the day and assist them in getting to London.

Anyone interested in helping the team should give Kelly a call on 07807 237119. KH

PENDOYLAN CHURCH IN WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL
Refurbishment launch... Exciting Times!

'A SCHOOL FIT FOR 21ST CENTURY!'

Pendoylan Primary School celebrates as work gets under way on £3.6m project

PENDOYLAN Church in Wales Primary School has an overwhelming demand for places – but when you consider the dedicated leadership of the governors and staff, and the fact that the school is celebrating the laying of foundations for a £3.6 million redevelopment, it is more than understandable!

The investment in the school emphasises the commitment that the funding bodies – the Vale Council, the Llandaff Diocese of the Church in Wales and the Welsh Assembly – have for rural education.

By the time the project is complete, the Pendoylan community will have a facility fit for the 21st century and the next 100 years of education in the area.

The chair of the governors, Mrs Jan Rees, said that everyone was "thrilled" that construction work was now under way.

"At a time when there are cuts, we are fortunate that the project is going ahead – and it is thanks to the backing of the Vale Council, the Llandaff Diocese of the Church in Wales and the Welsh Assembly.

"It means we will have the facilities to cater for the next couple of generations."

Mrs Rees pointed out that a redevelopment which includes a new library, computer room, and a car park which will accommodate coaches dropping off youngsters, will mean an improved learning environment for the pupils.

Mrs Lyn Murray, who has been the headteacher since 1994, explained that the improvements have been eagerly awaited: "The growing success and popularity of our school means that we have grown from having 80 on the roll call to 220.

"We have expanded using temporary buildings and facilities, but while staff have managed brilliantly, we are in need of a new building that will do justice to our standard of teaching.

"Now the time has finally arrived for work to start and it is all systems go!

"The children, parents, staff and governors are very excited and we will all be watching with interest as the new building progresses."

ABOVE
An artist's aerial impression of how the school will look when the work is complete.

RIGHT:
Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School is celebrating the start of work on the new foundations, and among those marking the event were the chair of governors Jan Rees, fellow governor Philip Latham, headteacher Lyn Murray. and Jon James, regional director ISG Pearce, and pupil representatives of all the school years.

The school dates back to 1873, but its new incarnation will include a new single storey building which will house an assembly hall, an additional four classrooms, a creative arts teaching area and dining room.

The design promises to deliver a brighter and lighter teaching environment.

The school, staff and governors, and the construction company responsible for the new project recently took part of a day out to celebrate the start of work.

The construction company undertaking the project is ISG Pearce Wales, and the regional director Jon James commented:

"We are delighted to have been chosen by the school and Llandaff Diocese of the Church in Wales to build an exciting and important building for the village, and the generations to come.

"Our team is looking forward to delivering a building that everyone can be proud of."

The scheme is a real team effort with ISG Pearce working with architects Petersen Williams, structural engineers the Austin Partnership, mechanical and engineering firm Hicks Titley Partnership and quantity surveyors EC Harris on the construction project.

The development includes a number of sustainable features including a geothermal heating system and drainage system.

Wherever possible materials produced during demolition work at the school will be recycled and used in the construction work.

By next year, the site will have been transformed with a building that blends the older traditional part of the school with a stylish, contemporary addition (see illustration).

The chair of governors added: "We are delighted that the community's vision is at last becoming a reality."

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THE Home of Love Orphanage in Mizoram, India, cares for up to 50 children, particularly babies who have lost their mothers, and infants whose mothers suffer chronic diseases such as TB and cancer.

Facilities desperately need updating and Bethania Presbyterian Church, Pendoylan, is holding a fundraising tea on Saturday, July 18, at 2.30pm.

It also features Hearts of Worship, 'Ministry in Song' and a short talk by Rev Dr Sangkhuma on the orphanage.

Adults: £5, children admitted free.

Tickets from: Pam Wooding (01443) 222228; Lynn McCarthy (01446) 760520; Mary Jacobs (01443) 224192; Anne Grimes (01446) 775443.

Surgery

LABOUR councillors for Gibbonsdown Ward, Barry, Rob Curtis and Margaret Wilkinson, will be holding a street surgery in the Elizabeth Avenue, Meggitt Road and Dorothy Close area on Saturday, June 11, from 11am till 12 noon.

Inspirational Homes

Planning in the Vale

*Mr Andrew Marytsch – **4 St Baruch Close, Dinas Powys** – single storey rear extension and loft conversion with rear dormer.*
*Mr and Mrs Richard Hine – **25 Stacey Road, Dinas Powys** – single storey rear extension and rebuild garage with taller pitched roof.*
*Careers Wales Cardiff and Vale – **49 Holton Road, Barry** – two storey extension to rear of property.*
*Mr B Booker – **12 St Lythans Road, Barry** - proposed dormer to rear garden roof slope.*
Formation of two bedrooms and ensuite within roof void.
*Mr Stephen Cooper – **121 Plymouth Road, Penarth** – two storey side/rear extension, single storey front/rear extension.*
*Mr Marcus David – **29, Main Road, Ogmore by Sea** – extension and alteration of existing detached dormer bungalow.*
*Ms Ceri Trotman – **Trem Y Fro, Maerdy Newydd Farm, Bonvilston** – two new field gate accesses to highway, existing access closed up.*
*Mr J Roberts – **18 Eastgate, Cowbridge** – removal of existing conservatory to be replaced with sunroom.*
*Mrs Melanie Lane – **46 St David's Crescent, Penarth** – two storey extension.*
*Mrs Ann Parry – **Wayside, Westgate, Cowbridge** – demolition of the existing four bedroom dwelling and detached garage and development of a five bedroom dwelling and detached garage.*
*Newydd Housing Association Limited – **former St Luke's Church, Elfred Avenue, Penarth** – 1, Amendments to parking courtyard layout to reduce surface water run off. 2, Amendments to window design to facilitate self cleaning and increase area of openable casement to ensure overheating is reduced. 3, Provide additional photovoltaic panel to south facing roof to ensure code for sustainable homes level 5 is obtained.*
*Mr and Mrs Lane – **Castle Lodge, St Georges Super Ely** - new house to replace existing.*
*Mr Chris Hillman – **13 Elfed Avenue, Penarth** – two storey extension to rear, two parking bays to front of property to include new crossing of footway. Single storey summerhouse/store to rear garden.*
*Mr Mark Currie – **12 Atlantic Place, Barry** - outbuilding for storage and recreational use.*
*Stanwell Road Baptist Church – **Stanwell Road Baptist Church, Stanwell Road, Penarth** – removal of two yew trees.*
*Ms A Smith – **5 Belle Vue Terrace, Penarth** – dismantle and cut main stem close to ground level on one Eucalyptus and one Cypress.*
*Mrs M Bailey – **Brooklyn, Piccadilly, Llanblethian** – 1, Fell Cypress. 2, Prune to tidy up old and dead branches on trees overhanging from Coopersale House.*
*Mrs Makris – **6 Village Farm, Bonvilston** – undertake 5m overall crown reduction pruning back to suitable growing points on oak tree in rear garden.*

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*Cooperative Group – **Cooperative Store, 26 Windsor Road, Penarth** – regularisation application to retain recently installed external illumination of existing fascia sign.*
*Mrs Sharon Green – **9 Westfield Drive, Penarth** – two storey side extension.*
*Mr Andrew Weston – **16 Augusta Road, Penarth** – side extension to main house to form gymnasium/garage, replacement windows to rear elevation, internal alterations to main house, demolish existing garage and replace with granny annexe.*
*Mr Leigh Griffiths – **53 Clive Place, Penarth** – demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a new detached four bedroom house.*
*Mr Mark Canning – **West Ceffyl, Broughton Road, Wick** – removal of agricultural occupancy condition.*
*Mr Grant Maunder – **36 Victoria Road, Penarth** – alteration and extension to rear of existing dwelling for replacement of existing garage.*
*Mr and Mrs Crockett – **52 Marine Drive, Barry** – single storey conservatory.*
*Mrs Thomas – **13 Plassey Street, Penarth** – ground floor extension on removal of existing, remove garage, reinstate garden wall and new porch to front elevation.*
*Mr John Dent – **Dock Offices, Subway Road, Barry** – construction of new car park and access ramp on land to the rear of the Docks Offices and works to upgrade the existing council car park and lighting in order to provide a mixed use council car park and park and ride scheme.*
*Mr M Barnwell – **40 Wordsworth Avenue, Penarth** – retention of two storey side and rear extension and garden terrace.*
*Mr David Edwards – **Hafod Lodge, Hensol** – rebuild stone walls to new alignment with use of original railings.*
*Mr Martin England – **The Hawthorns, Argoed, Llansannor** – deletion of condition 1 of approvals 1974/0960 and 1976/01479 to remove agricultural occupancy condition.*
*Mr Lyndon Richards – **68 Porth Y Castell, Barry** – demolish garage and build single storey side extension.*
*Arqiva Ltd – **St Hilary Transmitting Station, St Hilary, Cowbridge** – installation of six photovoltaic array panels approximately 48m in length, associated cables and boundary treatment.*
*David John – **former Oxfam Shop, Bear Lane, Cowbridge** – provision of a double storey extension comprising kitchen at ground floor and toilets at first floor.*
*Filco Foods – **19 Boverton Road, Llantwit Major** – change of use of rear garage storage units which are part of an existing retail unit into vehicle storage for a private hire company. Provision of small dedicated office for use with private hire company.*
*St Aubin Nurseries – **76 Romilly Park Road, Barry** – retention of a wooden cabin for a use falling within the definition of Use Class D1 (non-residential institution) of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended).*
*Mr PW and Ms RL Davies – **Slade Farm, Southerndown** – change of use of existing barn to holiday accommodation (incorporating two short term holiday let units).*
*Mrs Angharad Shoring Elidir – **Westbrook, Factory Road, Llanblethian** – a double storey side extension and a single storey rear extension to the existing dwelling, using all material to match existing.*
*Mr Derek Wolfe – **Barry Town Council, Gladstone Road, Barry** – signboard and flagpole.*
*Dow Corning Limited – **Cardiff Road, Barry** – construct open steel frame supporting process vessels and equipment as an extension to existing W406.*
*Mr Richard Jenkins – **27 Tair Onen, Cowbridge** – two storey side and single storey rear extension.*
*Mr Peter Hale – **56 Heol y Frenhines, Dinas Powys** – rear dormer.*
*Mr Kenneth Rattenbury – **Blodfa, Station Road East, Wenvoe** – conversion of existing integral garage and area above into additional accommodation, minor elevational alterations to rear of existing house plus erection of replacement detached garage with workshop/hobby area over.*
*Everything Everywhere Limited – **The Vale Resort, Hensol Park, Hensol** – 15m telegraph pole with ground base equipment.*
*Mr Ken Broad – **Garage lock up, Pyle Street, Barry** – construction of two linked dwellings.*
*Mr Robert Morgan – **68 Eastgate, Cowbridge** – internal alterations to existing café, new shop frontage and installation of wood burning stove.*
*Mrs SC Le Masurier – **Orchardleigh, Pen y turnpike Road, Dinas Powys** – outline application for two dwellings.*
*Mr Adrian Hancock – **land off Penarth Portway, Penarth Marina, Penarth** – large built up letter fascia sign for Pier 64 restaurant on north waterside elevation. Small fascia sign adjacent to entrance on south elevation.*
*Miss Bess Jones – **Greystones, Flemingston** – proposed replacement conservatory.*
*Mr Paul Smith – **15 Llanmaes Road, Llantwit Major** – to widen the drive entrance by 1,840mm.*
*Mr and Mrs Hadley – **163 Pontypridd Road, Barry** – uPVC conservatory.*
*Mrs Ada Flinn – **3 Coed Bach, Barry** – porch.*
*Mr Alun Hughes – **4 birch Grove, Barry** - proposed detached garden room.*
*Mr Andrew Gardner – **1 Heol Neuadd, Cogan, Penarth** – conversion of domestic garage to hobbies/workshop and storage area.*
*Mr Anthony Elias – **26 Carn yr Ebol, Barry** – single storey garden building to provide garden room and shed.*
*Vale of Glamorgan Council – **Sully Primary School, Burnham Avenue, Sully** – retention of single storey demountable classroom (2006/01635/REG3).*
*Mr Aural Hosiah – **Village Shop, Wick** – convert existing vacant village shop to five bedroom detached dwelling.*
*Stuart Allen – **77 Wordsworth Avenue, Penarth** - single storey side extension to provide bike storage.*
*Mr J Roberts – **18 Eastgate, Cowbridge** – removal of existing conservatory to be replaced with sunroom.*
*Mr Robert Morgans – **1 Hill Head, Llantwit Major** - retaining wall, pathway and external stairway.*

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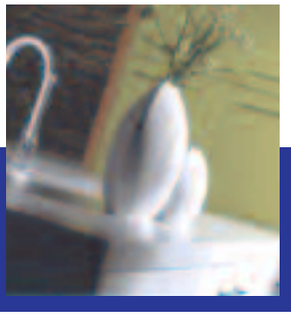

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Promoting their VICTORIAN FAIR, Saturday 18th June

Good things are happening in Llantwit Major as town carves a niche for itself

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

THE town of Llantwit Major is one of many communities these days that has to balance the different forces that tend to pull it in opposite directions.

For instance, for many people the focus of the town is the historic centre, with its narrow streets which meander here and there, and its buildings that have centuries of character ingrained in them.

In fact, this picture perfect view of the town will be shown off to its best advantage on Saturday, June 18, when the Victorian Fayre is staged and the town is packed with stalls and various types of street entertainment.

The fayre takes place every other year and is an established attraction in the Vale calendar.

For others, Llantwit's big attraction is its position as a base for living and working in south Wales. It is close enough to the main population centres to be convenient, but far enough away to feel relaxed.

Barry, Cardiff and Bridgend are all within easy reach, but even closer is the Heritage Coast, with its cliff walks, bays and beautiful beaches.

Add to that the numerous small villages, with their own ancient churches, and you have a treasure trove of rural character on your doorstep.

The Rev Huw Butler, the Rector of the Llantwit Major Benefice, told The GEM that of the nine churches in his area, all were at least 700 years old!

However, the important thing for any town is to preserve these assets while maintaining a healthy and vibrant economy – and investment is the key to this.

Fortunately for Llantwit, there are plenty of signs that people are investing in the town.

The work being done as part of the Boverton Road regeneration scheme is near to completion, and shoppers should certainly notice a difference then!

The prestigious development at St Illtyds Court, near the town centre, where the essential character of an old building is being preserved, while providing high quality apartments.

Elsewhere, near the railway station, more town houses are being built, making an attractive terrace that should bring a further economic boost to the town, also giving local people a chance to buy in the town where they grew-up.

One man planning to do his bit as an ambassador for the town is Coun John Clifford, who has just become the first Llantonian to serve as Mayor of the Vale.

He told The GEM: "I also sit on the town council and I do believe that everyone works hard on projects that will improve the town.

"My civic service as Vale Mayor is on June 19 in St Illtud's Church, with a reception afterwards at Llantwit Major Comprehensive School, and I will be proud to show off the town to visiting dignatories."

This means, of course, that Llantwit has two mayors, and the Town Mayor, Coun Eddie Williams, has just started his year in office.

He settled in Llantwit for precisely the reasons outlined earlier, for its geographical position close to the Heritage Coast. Now, he is a keen admirer of the town. He said: "For a relatively small town, it has a lot of facilities, and I think that big things are happening at the precinct, and that we will all benefit from that.

"It has a very low crime rate as well!"

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Megan John, the 'librarian' at the New Hope shop.

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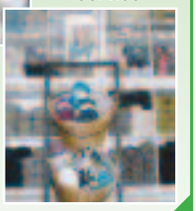

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LLANTWIT MAJOR VICTORIAN FAYRE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in columns 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles with the exception of Emergency Services and Coastguard vehicles between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00.

Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Saturday 18th June 2011	Wine Street, throughout its length, Church Street, throughout its length, Commercial Street, throughout its length, Wesley Street, throughout its length. The un-named lane that runs through the Town Hall car park from its junction with Church Street (next to the Town Hall) in a southwesterly direction through the car park to the southeastern boundary of a property known as the Old Bakehouse. Colhugh Street from its junctions with Church Street for a distance of 10m in a southerly direction. Boverton Road, between East Street and Stallcourt Avenue. Durell Street, will be closed at its junction with East Street. Burial Lane will be closed at its junction with Church Street, The Strand, throughout its length, East Street, throughout its length.	From 8.00am to 6.00pm

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Dated this 9th day of June 2011

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The Old White Hart

An active local economy is key to town's success!

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On the tourism front, last year, Coun Williams was involved in piloting the new 'e-trail' system that will send the best local walking routes in the Vale direct to someone's mobile phone.

He said: "At the recent Vale Walking Festival, the system was up and running and it was very well received.

"I think that young people with their smart phones are much more tuned in to this, and it should definitely increase the number of visitors to the area!"

If you don't want to travel by car, in recent years, train services have been re-instated along the Vale of Glamorgan railway line, from Cardiff to Bridgend via Llantwit Major.

This has made it even easier to visit, stroll around the old town, browse in the local shops or visit a pub or restaurant and, get some exercise as well, by walking down to the beach.

Historically speaking, Llantwit Major is already at the heart of the Vale, and local residents feel that way about the town, so why not take time to enjoy it?

Stephen Meakin - Vale Shoe Repairs

Sarah Watkins of Sariel Healing.

Nicky Foster, 'a picture of health' from Health Conscious.

CHAPEL PROJECT WILL ENHANCE THE TOWN'S TOURISM PROSPECTS

by PHILIP IRWIN

LLANTWIT MAJOR'S association with St Illtud has long provided a rich historical legacy for the town – one which many feel could be a springboard for a boost to the town's 'heritage tourism' potential.

These prospects could be given an extra push next year when the ambitious plans to rebuild the Galilee Chapel – at present a ruined add-on to the western end of St Illtud's Church – are implemented.

The GEM recently met two of the team who are working to make this project a reality, the new Rector of the Llantwit Major benefice, Rev Huw Butler, and the secretary of the project, Mr Clifford Edge.

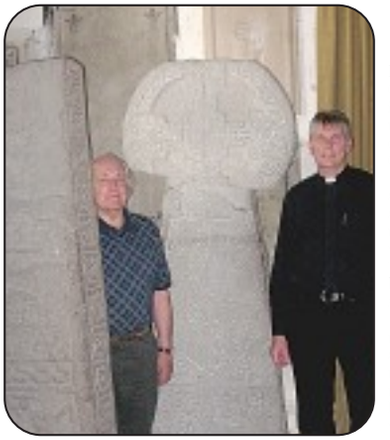
The project will involve building a 'frame' around the existing historic stone walls of the chapel, adding a slate roof, and then using glass to 'fill in' the spaces where the stone walls are missing.

The use of glass will have the added bonus of bathing the new building in natural light, a desirable side effect because of what will be on display there.

But more of that later...

The project was already at quite an advanced stage when Rev Butler took up his post last year, but when he arrived, the total cost of £550,000 made it a distant project, although around £200,000 had been raised or promised.

What transformed things was a grant from the Heritage Lottery fund of £300,000, and suddenly all involved started to see a light at the end of the tunnel.



Clifford Edge and Rector Huw Butler alongside the Celtic stones that will be moved to the Galilee Chapel.

In fact, Clifford Edge believes that it might be possible to make an early start before the final total is raised, and add on the extras such as catering facilities later.

Certainly, he feels that work should start next year.

There should be great interest in the Galilee Chapel once the building is complete. The intention is to make it a centre for the study of Celtic Christianity, and the centre piece of the chapel will be the existing collection of Celtic stones and crosses, which date back to the eighth and ninth centuries.

These crosses are much older than the church which houses them. St Illtud's Church is made up of two halves – the West Church which was built in the 11th Century, and the comparatively 'new' east Church (15th Century).

The exciting thing about the Celtic crosses and stones on show in the church is that, in the words of Huw Butler, "There is just as much buried as there is on show."

It will cost £22,000 to excavate the stones, and then install them in the Galilee Chapel, but they should be a mightily impressive sight when the work is done!

Both Rev Butler and Clifford Edge think that this new centrepiece will be a big attraction to visitors, and that it will focus attention on the rich history of the town, because Llantwit Major plays an important part in the story of Christianity itself.

It was the Romans who brought the religion to Britain, but when they left, it all but disappeared.

It was revived by Illtud, a Welsh monk, who founded a monastic order in Llantwit Major in the year 500 – a century before Augustine landed in Kent.

Illtud's missionaries went, in particular, to Ireland and Brittany, and Clifford Edge believes that the town can benefit from emphasising the role that Llantwit has played in Celtic history.

In fact, there are already strong ties in a number of areas between the Celts in Wales, the Gaelic Irish, the Bretons in France and the Cornish nation as well.

The Celtic music festival held each year in Porthcawl already draws visitors from all these countries.

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CHAPEL PROJECT'S BOOST

ABOVE: The Rev Huw Butler and Clifford Edge are pictured in the (roof-less) Galilee Chapel.

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Every town needs a healthy mix of business activities, and for Llantwit Major, tourism is an obvious sector that needs to be developed as much as possible.

'**Llantwit Major – home of the Celts**' – that has a nice ring to it!

For more information on the project, visit www.illtudsgalileechapel.org.uk

Golan Kibria (centre/back) with his team of professionals from Jaipur Restaurant.

Tina Morgan of Rio ladies fashions and accessories.

Steve Dodd, PC of Mind.

WI learn about tales of the tourist guide!

NEWS FROM LLANTWIT WI

FOLLOWING the business meeting, where future events were discussed, members of Llantwit Major Women's Institute welcomed Sheilah Lowe, who described her time as a guide for the Welsh Tourist Board.

She regaled them with tales from her experiences as a guide at the Boathouse, in Laugharne, where Dylan Thomas wrote, and she also read some of his poetry.

The competition for a favourite poem was won by Barbara Pathania and the bloom of the month by Heather Hacker.

The next meeting is on July , when Howard Mortimer will be talking about Joyce Grenfell. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

A sunny afternoon is the ideal time to meander around the old town...

Llanmaes WI hears all about Red Cross work

LLANMAES WI

LLANMAES WI began the May meeting with a talk by Jeff Collins, the British Red Cross Director for Wales.

The Red Cross works with young people and many who volunteer for work experience then go on to get permanent jobs. In 2010, 600 volunteered with either no skills or degrees.

In four schools in Wales they have set up emergency response teams and also provide support for older people recovering after operations; for example, arranging visits by district nurses and doctors for up to six weeks.

Jan Jones (president) thanked the speaker for an entertaining and informative talk.

Members then made final arrangements for the July trip to Picton Castle, Pembrokeshire with coffee and lunch at Narberth.

Every year, WI members in the country decide on Resolutions to go forward to the National Federation of WIs AGM, in Liverpool in June.

This year, the proposals for mega farms and for the closure of libraries produced lively debate.

It was unanimously agreed that members urge the government to support libraries and refuse planning permission for mega farms.

There will be an antiques road show in June, with guest speaker Stephen Peters.

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SUMMER Meet the people update...

Promoting their VICTORIAN FAIR, Saturday 18th June

LLANTWIT SET TO CELEBRATE 30-YEAR TWINNING LINK WITH FRENCH TOWN

These hardy souls made the trip to Le Pouliguen recently.

ABOVE: The beautiful harbour of Le Pouliguen.

Celebrating 25 years of the relationship between the towns in 2007.

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NEXT year will mark the 30th anniversary of twinned-towns Le Pouliguen and Llantwit Major.

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Le Pouliguen is a beautiful town – a popular tourist attraction with sandy beaches and a harbour mooring more than 700 boats, while Llantwit is steeped in history, a pretty town situated in the scenic Vale of Glamorgan.

Over the years, numerous exchanges have been arranged, involving tennis players, marathon runners, Police, rugby and football groups.

Students have also gained work experience through the help of Twinning and many lasting friendships have been formed.

At present, the association is planning a week's entertainment for its French friends who arrive in September, including a visit to Bath, Rhondda Heritage Centre and to Llancaiach Fawr Manor. In 2012, there will be official celebrations in both towns to celebrate 30 years of friendship.

Llantwit Twinning will be taking part in the Victorian Fayre, and will be near the Cenotaph in the centre of old Llantwit on Saturday, June 18.

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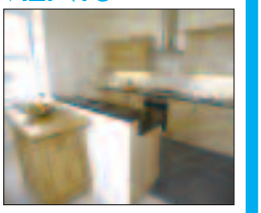

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Locals raise almost £1,000 for charity

ABOVE: Llynfi Surgery receive their donation.

THREE Llangynwyd men have raised almost £1,000 for charity.

Terry O'Shea, Graham Richards and Wayne Howells, landlord of the Corner House Inn, organised a number of fund raising events, including growing beards and raffling a rugby ball.

They raised funds from regulars of the Old House and also from local residents.

The trio raised £960 in total and have given £620 to Llangynwyd Primary School and £340 to Llynfi Surgery.

A presentation took place at the Corner House when the money was handed over to both organisations. JI

ABOVE: The pupils from Llangynwyd Primary School.

COMMUNITY NEWS
ST BRIDES MAJOR

Your local correspondent is Patricia Bevan-Morgan (01656) 880418

A MID SUMMER charity concert will be held at St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major, with performances by local singers and musicians in aid of the Joshua Foundation OZ Experience 2012.

Contact Sam and Judith Davies, on 01656 880829 and Marcus and Tracey Brabban (01656 880832).

SLADE Farm Organics (Pitcot, St Brides Major) is open on Sunday, June 12 for a free day out.

EILEEN of Ewenny Road, St Brides Major, thanks everyone for making her party a wonderful evening. " It was nice to catch up with people you generally only have time to wave to.

"It was wonderful to see 'old' workmates from the Quarry and relatives from Wigan."

Eileen requested that instead of gifts, a donation be given to The Stroke Association, and the sum of £265 will be used at the Tuesday Stroke Club, Bridgend, for resources.

A MEMORIAL service is to be held at St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major, on June 23 for the Earl of Dunraven at 2.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Diary dates

ST BRIDES MAJOR branch of the Mother's Union is holding a Mother's Union 120th anniversary festival service at St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major, on June 13 at 7pm in the presence of the Archbishop.

The next local produce market will be held at the church hall, St Brides Major, on Saturday, June 18, 10am–12 noon.

Tea/coffee and chat every Saturday at the church hall from 10am–11.30am.

All are welcome.

School sports day threatened by stray horses

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He asked the council what compensation would be available to the school to pay for the damage and what technical help is available from the council to the school.

Coun Huw David , cabinet member for resources, told Coun Unwin that this type of damage was not covered in the council's insurance policies.

He said that the council had assisted the school in recent years to make its fences stock proof and £47,000 has been spent on this work – some as late as March this year.

Further damage to the fence has been estimated at almost £20,000, which the school's governing body is responsible for funding – although the council will work with them to see what assistance can be given.

He pointed out that the school is carrying forward a "significant" underspend into this current financial year and so should be able to meet the repair costs.

Coun David stated that the fence has to be stock proofed before work is done to the surface of the sports field.

He added that an alternative venue will be found for the sports day, if necessary.

Maesteg railway ceremony

A SPECIAL ceremony will take place at Maesteg in August to mark the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the railway in the town.

The Llynfi Valley Historical Society and the Institute of Civil Engineers are collaborating to place a plaque at Maesteg Railway Station on August 10.

The society was approached by the institute, which will cover the cost of the plaque.

Maesteg Town Council has agreed to take part, with the mayor and members attending the ceremony. A buffet will be laid on for the dignitaries afterwards at the council offices.

An exhibition will also be mounted in the meeting room at the council offices which will highlight the work of Brunel, who was closely involved in designing and engineering railway lines in south Wales, including the Great Western Railway.

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Mr Colin Berkeley and family wish to thank everyone who attended the service at Coychurch on May 4th, for his wife Mary. Thanks also for the many cards and donations received.

BAILEY
Joan

It is with great sadness that Nicky and Paul announce the death of their adored mother Joan.

Loving grandmother to Michael, Charlotte and Samantha, will be sadly missed by all family and friends. Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday, June 14, 2.45pm.

No flowers by request. Donations in lieu can be made to a charity of your choice.

JEFFREYS
Betty

Died peacefully at the Princess of Wales Hospital on the 22nd May 2011. Dearly loved wife of the late John (Jeff). Fond mother of David, Jonathan, Robin, and Ceri, and step mother of Judith and a loving grandmother of Evie, Asa, Alex, Laura and Jessica.

Funeral service on Tuesday, 21st June 2011 at St.Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major at 11.00.a.m. followed by interment at Wick Churchyard.

Family flowers only, but donations may be made to Cancer Research UK (Cymru) c/o the Funeral Director. All enquiries 01446 792489.

BUTCHER
Eric

Peacefully, on June 5 at his home in Rhoose, Eric, brother of Audrey and the late Cora, Leslie, Doug and Terry, will be sadly missed by all the family. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thurs June 16, service 2.15pm at Penmark Church followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.45pm. Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home.

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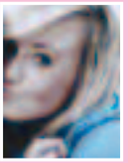

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Golf hopefuls take their first step on the road to China

AMATEUR golfer Mark Garvey, from Port Talbot, has qualified for the UK regional final in the Audi quattro Cup golf tournament.

Mark won the qualifier at the Neath Golf Club last week with a score of 39 points in a Stableford competition.

A field 96 amateur golfers contested the 18-hole, Sinclair Audi Group sponsored competition at Neath Golf Club.

The top-eight finishers now pair up in an Audi regional final at the Belfry on July 14.

The full list of golfers qualifying for the regional final is: 1st – Mark Garvey (25), from Port Talbot; 2nd – Linda Evans (61), from Swansea; 3rd – Richard Williams (47), from Neath; 4th – Mark Furneaux (52), from Porthcawl; 5th – Austin Roberts (50), from Swansea; 6th – John Cooper (24), from Pontypridd; 7th – James Lott (25), from Porthcawl; 8th – Paul Hughes (44), from Neath.

The competition was supported by the Sinclair Audi Group. Three regional finals will be staged in July with 16 'pairs' then contesting the Audi quattro Cup UK Final at Bowood Golf & Country Club near Calne, Wiltshire, in September.

Ultimately two 'pairs' representing Great Britain will compete in the World Final at the Mission Hills resort in China in November.

The Audi quattro Cup, being staged for the 21st year, is the world's largest amateur golf competition with almost 80,000 players from more than 50 countries expected to compete for a place in the week-long world final.

Sinclair Audi's managing director, Jonathan Sinclair (left) with tournament winner Mark Garvey.

Imps' football festival makes for great day

APPROXIMATELY 550 children in more than 50 teams in age groups ranging from under-8s to under-12s, took part in Cadoxton Imps AFC's annual mini and junior 5-a-side football festival which was held recently.

The Imps' annual football festival has become an established fixture in the Barry footballing calendar and this was the 14th consecutive year that the event had again been kindly sponsored by McDonald's Restaurant (Barry).

This ensured that every child taking part received a certificate and a medal.

McDonald's also provided a winner's trophy for the junior teams sections and a fair play award for the mini teams sections.

Martin Pursall, chairman of Cadoxton Imps AFC, said "There is a tremendous amount of hard work by a lot of people involved with the club to organise and run an event like this but it is worth it to see so many children, parents and grandparents enjoying a day of football and fun.

"I would like to thank all the Imps managers and committee and everyone else who has contributed to making the day a success including: Lyndon Smith of LDS Motor Factors for the loan of a van to cart around the goals and other equipment; Barry Comprehensive School for allowing us to use the school grounds and canteen; St John's Ambulance (Cowbridge); and in particular Huw Thomas and McDonald's Restaurant (Barry) for his continued support for this annual event for the 14th consecutive year," he added.

SUMMER BALL

Following the success of a similar event two years ago, Cadoxton Imps AFC are again holding a black tie Summer Ball on Saturday, June 25, at the Masonic Hall, Broad Street, Barry, with doors opening from 7pm.

The event kicks off with a three-course dinner (with wine) at 8pm followed by entertainment from singer Sherrie Lee Lewis who will get everyone in the dancing mood.

There will also be a disco, a prize raffle and an auction of selected items, including signed football shirts from Arsenal, Liverpool and Everton, a signed Cardiff City football and framed prints of Manchester United signed photos.

Any donations for raffle prizes are always greatly appreciated and anyone wishing to donate any prizes should call either Martin or Gary on the numbers below or bring them along on the night.

To avoid disappointment, book tickets in advance by calling either chairman Martin Pursall on 07733318093 or secretary Gary Spierling on 01446 407591 or by contacting any of the Imps' managers or committee members.

All profits raised from the event will go to the Imps.

Club is looking for new recruits

THE under-11s at Llantwit Major Football Club are missing a key player for next season – a goalkeeper!

A club spokesman said: "The under-11s are looking good for next year, apart from between the sticks, so I would ask any budding goalkeeper to contact the number below."

The club is also on the lookout for new players at under-15 level, where the squad would welcome players in any position.

Anyone interested should contact Gwyn John on 01446 793669.

Four call-outs on busy weekend for the Barry Lifeboat's volunteers

VOLUNTEERS who respond to calls at Barry's lifeboat station were called out on Friday, Saturday and Sunday last weekend.

The first came when the crew responded to a call for help from a 37ft motor cruiser on Friday morning, ***a spokesperson reports***.

The cruiser had broken down a few miles off Nash Point. The two crew members on board were very unlucky to have suffered engine failure so soon after a complete overhaul of the boat.

Luckily for them they had the right equipment on board and were fully prepared for any eventuality.

Richy Tutton, full time mechanic at Barry Dock Lifeboat Station said: "This incident just goes to show how important it is to have the right equipment on board and to be ready to deal with the unexpected.

"RNLI sea safety checks are available free of charge to all boat owners – just go to *www.RNLI.org.uk* to organise one.'

It also underlined the importance of local employers' support for volunteer crew members on their staff.

The RNLI is grateful to all those employers who release crew from their day jobs at a moment's notice.

On Saturday afternoon, the crew had responded to a call from a concerned member of the public who had contacted the Coastguard to report that a paraglider had landed in water off Nash Point.

The lifeboat started searching but was relieved to find that what had actually landed was a big bunch of helium balloons, which the crew disposed of safely.

The crew returned to station in time to enjoy the annual RNLI barbecue, which was held at Barry Yacht Club.

However, seven crew members were unable to sample any of the liquid refreshments on offer, in case there was another emergency call that evening.

As it happens, the pagers went off at 5.06am and the crew responded to reports of a person in the water. The boat was eventually stood down as the woman had been found by the RAF Sea King rescue helicopter and taken to hospital. Her condition is unknown at this time."

Later that morning, the lifeboat headed out of the harbour once again to find a boat that was transmitting on emergency radio channels.

As the transmission was continuous, contact could not be made via radio and other vessels in trouble could not use the emergency channel.

The boat was found safe and well after a two-hour search near Newport. The crew were unaware that they had transmitting on such an important channel.

ENGINE TROUBLE

The Barry Dock Lifeboat Crew have experienced engine trouble of their own this week. The station's Trent class lifeboat has sprung an oil leak and has had to come out of the water for repair.

An all-weather lifeboat from the RNLI's relief fleet is on station until the usual boat is repaired.

The RNLI is grateful to the Barry fundraising branch and for the ongoing support of the local people who are so generous in their funding of this essential service.

Lifeboats across the UK save an average of 22 lives a day and are on call 24 hours of every day of the year.

Barry Athletic first team suffer setback

NATHAN BAKER'S Barry Athletic 1st XI were left frustrated at the Barry Oval last Saturday, after a four-wicket defeat at the hands of the division's surprise package, Lisvane.

With the drizzly weather not scheduled until later on, Baker had no hesitation in batting first. However, Baker's decision proved to be the wrong one as wickets fell at regular intervals.

The weather forecast proved to be a few hours behind as conditions began to favour the bowlers and they soon began to take control and put the Stags on the back foot.

Despite the efforts of Billy Usswald (24), Anjan Ganapathy (22) and Scott Malpas (20), the Stags never really got going and were disappointingly bowled out for a less than impressive 155 in 45.3 overs.

After the interval, things went from bad to worse as Lisvane made a bright start in their reply. Hellyar was unusually expensive and Gee proved to be ineffective with the new ball, despite taking the solitary wicket of Dave Ricketts (0).

Although wickets were falling gradually, defending 155 would be difficult in any match and alongside key chances that went begging, that task would get even more difficult.

Despite Steve Jones' spell of 3-39 and Jake Griffett's economical 1-12, 155 would never be enough and with 13 overs to spare, the visitors laboured over the finishing line with four wickets in hand.

TERRIFIC TWOMEY TAKES FIVE!

SIMON PHILLIPS kept his 100 per cent winning record as Second XI captain, with a comprehensive nine-wicket win over newly-promoted Lisvane CC.

With the sun shining at Llwynarthen, the home side won the toss and chose to bat first.

However, the batting display didn't live up to the standards of the batting surface and with the high standard of bowling, namely Callum Twomey, who showed the Stags what potential he has by claiming his first five-wicket haul with figures of 5-35 from 9.4 overs.

Only Gary Israel (45 no) showed some resistance as Lisvane were bowled out for a disappointing 186.

The Stags were in complete dominance, after the tea session, with the deadly partnership of Stephen Jones and Andrew Buckland. Their positive play proved to be too much for the home side and by the time Jones departed for a more than satisfactory 69, the job was pretty much done.

Martin Baker (16 no) was on hand to guide the Stags to another victory with plenty of overs to spare. Buckland finished on an impressive 81 no.

3RD XI DELIVER PAYBACK

ANDY ELLIS'S Barry Athletic 3rd XI thrashed Panteg B in a fantastic day for Stag cricket.

After winning the toss and electing to bat first, the Barry captain was optimistic of maintaining his 100 per cent record this season and with last-minute withdrawals and injuries within the Stag squad, Ellis called Nathan Baker and Gavin White up to the team.

The Stags began shakily with Griffett falling for just three, after being trapped lbw by Callum Reid but that only brought in Gavin White to partner Nathan Baker.

At that point, fireworks began to explode, as both batsmen took full control of the innings and showed the visitors a batting master-class.

Both batsmen were in the form of their lives as boundaries were hit at a rapid rate.

White was first to depart, in the 35th over, after being unluckily run out by Collins. Baker kept going until the 39th over, when he chose to retire, not out, on a career best 250.

Ashley Baker and Joe Walsh finished the innings off with some quickfire running, in between the wicket, before ending the innings on 372-2, a magnificent display from the Stags.

The Stags immediately tore through the Panteg B batting line-up. A clear edge through to the 'keeper, that wasn't given, was followed by three wickets in quick succession as Griffett and Frost made light work of the batsmen.

A fightback, from Sean Clarke (75) and Rhys Jenkins (61), brought some respectability for the visitors as they closed on 222-9 from their 40 overs.

UNDER-9s BATTLE IN SHOWERS

BARRY Athletic under-9s were in action in their latest mini-festival, at a showery Cowbridge CC, where they took on Cowbridge, Penarth A and Cardiff A.

Battling through difficult conditions, the mini-Stags showed some promising cricket where they managed to win one of their three challenging matches, beating the hosts and pushing the other two all the way to the finish.

Everyone enjoyed their cricket very much and the Rim Motors man of the tournament went to Wesley Baker, for his fine all round display which brought two wickets in as many balls, a fantastic catch and some aggressive batting.

AB

Lady Taverners benefits from cookery demo in Vale

A COOKERY demonstration was held at Angela Gray's new Cookery School at Llanerch Vineyard last week in aid of the Lady Taverners, followed by lunch cooked by Angela.

The Lady Taverners, who raise funds to enhance the lives of children with special needs and those from deprived backgrounds, were delighted with the success of the day and most grateful to Angela for giving her time in supporting the charity.

If you wish to know more about the work of the charity visit www.lordstaverners.org

JANE JOHN

Ladies who lunch!

Experience is the key for Wanderers

Abercynon 31 (19.0 overs); Barry Wanderers 33-0 (7.3 overs)

SPORT often throws up memorable battles between youth and experience, where existing values and hierarchies are challenged by the callow exuberance of teenage brilliance.

Thus it was last Saturday when Barry Wanderers' Second XI travelled deep into the Valleys to play an Abercynon side primarily made up of schoolboys.

Asked to field first in overcast conditions, the Wanderers' captain Chris Barnes entrusted the new ball to the fiery Indian duo of KP Nakkanti and Krishna Nandan.

After a quiet start, during which time Abercynon had advanced to 17-0, things suddenly came to life in the sixth over, when KP knocked back the off stump with a good length ball.

This brought the next batsman to the wicket, and it was at this point that Abercynon's admirable youth policy was cruelly exposed. Stricken with nerves, the poor boy could barely hold his bat correctly, and proceeded to run his captain out before then missing a straight one.

At 21-3, the Wanderers were now on top. KP breezed back to his mark and reduced the inexperienced Abercynon middle order to quivering wrecks, and the remaining batsmen offered little resistance to the rampant Wanderers' duo, collapsing to 25-7.

The impressive Krishna finished with 2-12, while KP recorded a season's best 4-11.

To mop up the tail, Barnes turned to Luke Denning and paceman ADW Wade. Denning bowled straight and full to take the last two Abercynon wickets, the innings closing with a mere 31 runs on the board.

Barnes rallied his battle-weary troops and Wanderers opened their chase with the unlikely combination of Matthew Burgin and Mark Ellis.

Having seen off the opening bowlers, and with the target now in sight, Ellis cut loose, planting a loose full-toss high over mid-wicket for four, followed by a trademark shovel through the on-side to win the game.

It was, in truth, a match that may not inspire, but it did at least deliver the salutary lesson that at this level there is little substitute for experience.

AF

Dinas bowlers keep on winning

DINAS POWYS 1st team continued their winning start to the season with a home win in the first of their PG1 Division One league games.

At home to Merthyr West End, Dinas took an early lead and were five shots up after five ends. That set the pattern for the game, with Dinas ahead overall for the whole match.

Dinas ended the game 82-70, with two rinks up and two down, giving them a 10-4 winning score.

Dinas skip scores: D Vowles, R Osborne, C Todd, G Williams 18-20; G White, M Clarke, M Woodcock, A Meddins 16-21; A Harvey, A Desrosiers, G Griffiths, N Leigh 25-15; M Diment, H Meddins, R Janes, M Ackland 23-14.

AD

Presidential hand-over at Barry Soroptimists

AT the recent AGM of Soroptimist International, Barry and District, one of the final pleasant duties of outgoing president Mrs Judith Lewis of Pontyclun was to induct Mrs Linda Jones of Dinas Powys as a new member.

President Judith was delighted to welcome pharmacist Linda to the club, which has enjoyed another very successful year.

As well as the usual service projects such as the beach surveys at Jackson's Bay and visits to residents at Cartref Porthceri, the club also raised almost £4,500.

Donations were made to various charities, both home and abroad, ranging from Ty Hafan, Marie Curie, Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative, various projects in Africa, and £1,250 to the president's charity, Water Aid.

Judith said she felt that the club had achieved its vision of being a vibrant, dynamic organisation involving all members through club meetings and activities.

In handing over to incoming president Norma Reynolds, she thanked members for their support, and expressed the hope that Norma would experience the same amount of pleasure from her year of office as she had enjoyed.

Incoming president Norma, who lives in Sully, is a retired geography teacher. Her vision for the year is to work with members with "Fun and Friendship."

Her main hobby is sailing, and this is reflected in her nominated charity, "Toe in the Water," set up to inspire and help reintegrate severely disabled servicemen and women by taking part in top competition sailing.

Norma, her husband Tony, and children Huw and Sian are active volunteers.

To find out more about Soroptimism, visit www.soroptimist-gbi.org/barry-and-district/

CDS

Vale AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery this Friday, June 10, from 4pm to 6pm at 115, High Street, Barry.

No appointment is necessary. For further information, telephone the constituency office on 01446 740981.

Charity spring fayre

A SPRING fayre was opened recently at Age Concern's Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry, by Jane Hutt AM and was very well supported by the local community, raising £200.

Ms Hutt congratulated the volunteers on their dedicated commitment.

Contact 01446 732385 for information on Ageing Well and Barry Good Neighbours.

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PLAYERS WANTED

CADOXTON Imp Dragons under-11 are looking to recruit footballers for the forthcoming season.

The club trains Wednesday nights at Pencoedtre fields between 6-30pm and 8pm and is looking to extend its squad in readiness for the 2011/12 season, playing 11-a-side football for the first time.

For the players chosen, kit will be provided on match days and an annual fee of £60 is paid prior to the start of the season.

All enquiries, telephone Arthur Thompson on 07702 556340.

ABOVE: Pictured at the end of a successful fundraising evening are (left to right): Paul Chapple (boxing coach); Ed Ellis, Aubrey Lewis (head coach of the boxing club); Jonathan Humphreys and Richard Humphreys.

RUGBY STARS OUT IN FORCE TO SUPPORT LOCAL BOXING CLUB

by PHILIP IRWIN

A star-studded evening last week at the Grand Pavilion gave a huge boost to a local boxing club's appeal to raise £75,000 for urgent refurbishments.

The evening – a sports forum with regional coaches Scott Johnson, Dai Young and Nigel Davies (and many more) – was also a family tribute, organised by the family of Colin Humphreys, a boxer who used to train with Porthcawl and Pyle Boxing Club 40 years ago.

In fact, at the end of the evening, the head coach of Pyle and Porthcawl, Aubrey Lewis, told The GEM that he remembered sparring with Colin all those years ago.

Colin was a Welsh champion welter-weight who turned pro at 17, and seemed on his way to a meeting with Brian Curvis – until eye problems forced a premature end to his career.

Colin went on to raise a family and he continued to follow boxing, and in his later years, he told his sons that he wished he had been able to do more to support the club where he started.

Neither of his sons, Jonathan and Richard, followed him into boxing, but they both played rugby and several other sports, and the elder brother, Jonathan Humphreys, went on to be a Welsh international, representing Wales and the British Lions as a hooker, and is now a coach at the Ospreys..

When their father died, they remembered what he had said about the boxing club and organising the charity sports forum became a family affair, as they were joined by their brother-in-law, Ed Ellis, a former Llanelli rugby player and now the group finance operations manager with the Sinclair Group.

The Sinclair Group also sponsored the evening.

Richard, who is a teacher at Corneli Primary School, said: "Edward was the driving force behind this, and he did so much of the organisation. Jonathan and I helped and Jonathan, of course, used his rugby contacts to put the evening together."

He did a fine job, because the onstage panel for the forum consisted of the three regional chiefs already mentioned, Nicky Piper representing Welsh boxing, and more informed rugby opinion from Tom Shanklin and Danny Grewcock.

Scrum V's Rick O'Shea, who went to UWIC with Jonathan Humphreys, proved to be a brilliant master of cermonies, and the auction was conducted by Ospreys coach Sean Holley.

In fact, if the Ospreys backs had handled the ball this year as smoothly as Sean handled the auction, there would have been another piece of silverware in the Liberty Stadium trophy cabinet!

That auction saw a Kenny Dalglish signed Liverpool number seven shirt go for £600, and a Cesc Fabregas Spanish shirt go for £450.

A similar price was raised for a Swansea City shirt, worn in the play-off final at Wembley the previous Monday!

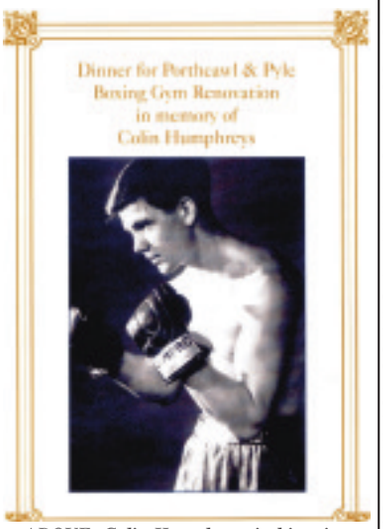
The total raised during the evening was an amazing £10,500, but donations of practical help with the project were offered as well,

What did the audience learn from the forum?

Well, we learned that Jonathan Humphreys once had to bail Rick O'Shea out of jail in Hawaii.

We learned that Dai Young and Jonathan Humphreys believe that the officials are making a mess of refereeing the scrums.

Oh, and thanks to a question by local headteacher Martin Griffiths, we learned that Scott Johnson and Warren Gatland don't exchange Christmas cards!



ABOVE: Colin Humphreys in his prime.

Grant scheme boosts sport at local clubs

SPORTS clubs in the Vale have been given a record amount of funding this year through the 'Community Chest' grants scheme.

Run locally by the Vale Council's sports and play development team, and agreed by a panel of volunteers with support from Sport Wales, the scheme now offers clubs and organisations up to £1,500 – an increase of £500 on the previous maximum amount available – to help them with things such as buying new equipment and paying for coaching qualifications.

The first round of grants awarded since the amount increased resulted in a total of £22,188.59 being invested into encouraging local people of all ages to get more active, more often.

Nineteen clubs and organisations shared the funding package, with Penarth Rifle Club, Vale Gymnastics, Rhoose Lifeguards and Barry Windsurfing Association all scooping the maximum £1,500.

Sport for girls in the Vale was also given a boost, with the other grants including £1,482 for Sully Sports FC to establish a girls under-14s team, Barry Basketball Club receiving £1,300 to start a girls' team, and Penarth Cricket Club being awarded £1,000 to develop and support a team for girls at under-9s.

The Vale Council's sports and play development manager Karen Davies said: "The Community Chest scheme has now been in place for over a decade, and has helped hundreds of local clubs either get up and running or grow."

To discuss a potential Community Chest grant or to request an application form, telephone Karen Davies on 01446 704793 or Julie Morgan on 01446 704748.

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VALE CRICKET CLUB ROUND-UP

Batting costs team dear as they lose in league

A POOR batting performance cost Vale dearly as Pontypridd won this Second Division Glamorgan and Monmouthshire match by three wickets.

After deciding to bat first, Vale were soon on the back foot with both openers removed early by the accurate Martyn Oliver (2-14 off eight overs) leaving the score at 19-2.

A rebuilding job was then needed and provided by Tom Williams and Dean Oram, who steadied the ship and put on 65 for the third wicket before Williams was caught straight after the drinks break for a patient (20).

Vale skipper Matthew Williams and Oram then continued to push the score on at a health rate until Oram fell for a superb 59 to Ponty off spinner Tom Vaal with the score at 124-4.

Vaal (5/27 off 8) continued to pick up frequent wickets and snared skipper Williams for (28) leaving Vale delicately poised at 156-6. Ponty, through Andrew Collins (3-37 off 9) then cleaned up the Vale tail with some fine quick bowling as Vale collapsed to just 163 all out off 42 overs.

Having set such a disappointing total, Vale were reliant on their bowling attack to bail them out of trouble and they set about their task early with Nick Hogben (2-36 off 6.1) and Huw Morris (1-34 off 6) bowling some fine deliveries to leave the score at 47-3.

Then came the turn of spinner John W Davies and Tom Williams to bowl a fine spell of tight, disciplined bowling. Davies picked up (3-20 off 10) and Williams was unlucky to not pick up a wicket (0-32 off 10) leaving the score at 125-7.

However, Vale were left to rue dropping No 4 Ryan Williams early on as he went on to hit a match winning (63*) ably assisted by Vaal (19*) who put on an unbroken stand of 39 to see Ponty home.

Despite a battling performance in the field, Vale will look for a markedly improved batting performance against an in-form Miskin side next week.

VALE 2NDS KEEP ON WINNING

FOR the third game in a row, Vale skipper Mark Francis lost the toss and Gymkhana decided to bat under blue skies and on what looked to be a warm day.

The Vale attack was opened by Darren Upham from the pavilion end and Chris Pike from the Bridgend end.

Upham was quickly into his stride making two early breakthroughs as he clean bowled one of the opening batsmen and critically removed the No 3 batsman within his first three overs.

The removal of the dangerous Rana at three with an excellent caught and bowled was vital for Vale's cause. At the other end Pike produced an economical six-over opening spell, only conceding 16 runs.

However, despite the sunny start, the weather took a turn for the worse as light drizzle swept in across the ground, taking the players off the field for around 45 minutes.

On resumption, the captains agreed to reduce the game to 40 overs per side.

As play restarted, a new combination of Upham and Paul Gilbert operated in partnership and Upham soon removed the other opening batsman to leave Gymkhana 29-3.

Gilbert took the fourth wicket as he successfully got an lbw decision in his fifth over before immediately being removed from the attack by the skipper to make way for Tom Taylor.

At the pavilion end, Jack Davies replaced Upham but it was Taylor who struck next, getting an lbw decision to leave Gymkhana 76-5 off 30 overs.

Gymkhana then put the best partnership of the innings together (59) as they looked to up the scoring rate to try and post a competitive total.

This partnership was finally broken as Upham returned to the attack, picking up his fourth wicket of the innings as T Ahmed was removed lbw for a quickfire 48.

Taylor pick up the last wicket to fall as Archie Yates took a well judged catch at a deep-ish mid on. Gymkhana closed their innings on 143-7 off 40 overs.

The Vale bowling figures were Darren Upham 10-4-29-4, Chris Pike 6-1-16-0, Paul Gilbert 5-1-10-1, Jack Davies 8-2-24-0, Tom Taylor 9-0-41-2 and Mark Francis 2-0-16-0.

Vale needing just over three an over started their run chase in bright sunshine but soon lost an early wicket as Carl Brooks was bowled through the gate from a big inswinger.

Despite this early setback, Gareth Andrews and skipper Mark Francis started to build a solid partnership although it was not without difficulty as the skipper was dropped behind early in his innings and a number of lbw shouts were made as the new ball swing around. Their 50 partnership was brought up in the 18th over as a foundation for victory was laid.

A feature of Vale's batting this season has been the consistent partnership building and this was continued as another 100 partnership was put on the board before Andrews fell for 43, clipping a catch to mid wicket which was well held.

The skipper perished shortly afterwards as he edged a ball to the 'keeper, cutting outside his off stump falling three runs short of another half century.

At this stage, Vale were 120-3 after 27 overs but there were to be no more scares as Chris Pike and Archie Yates saw the side home with a partnership of 24, with Pike finishing 10 not out and Yates batting well for 13 not out.

Cardiff Gymkhana 143-7 (40 overs); Vale 144-3 (31 overs); won by 7 wickets.

UNDER-STRENGTH 3RDS ARE DEFEATED

AN under-strength Vale third team were well beaten on Saturday after a fantastic bowling performance from Senghenydd, coupled with some costly running by the visiting side.

The home side won the toss and opted to bowl first, a decision that was quickly vindicated as both the opener (and skipper) Tom Johnson and No 3, Luke James were run out in quick succession.

Debutant Colum O'Sullivan quickly followed for a duck and a few balls later experienced opener Colin Workman was also back in the pavilion. That left Paul Workman and Rhys Adamec at the crease with Vale four wickets down and barely 30 runs on the board.

Sadly, any revival was quickly snuffed out as Workman was well bowled just a couple of overs later, leaving Adamec to bat with the young tail-enders. Some luck for Adamec and some good defending from the tail allowed Vale to limp to 59 before Adamec was bowled for 16, with the innings being brought to a close without any additional scoring just a few minutes later.

The Senghenydd bowling figures told the story as J Edce, R Jones and M Walters all finished with one wicket apiece, with no bowler conceding more than 20 runs. The star was opening bowler C Williams, who bowled a magnificent 10 overs spell, conceding just 19 runs and taking four wickets.

The Senghenydd reply was swift as with only 60 required, the opening pair scented victory.

Vale were not to be denied at least some consolation however.

Some fantastic bowling by youngster Tom Morgan, coupled with a great catch by Paul Workman and the vicious spin of Tom Johnson saw the Vale claim two scalps and a potentially invaluable point, even as Senghenydd cruised to an easy and comprehensive victory.

Senghenydd (64-2, 9.5 overs) beat Vale III (59 AO, 27 overs) by 8 wickets.

RA

Hunt's golf day is big success!

ON June 1, a total of 48 golfers played at The Grove Golf Club near Porthcawl in the annual Glamorgan Hunt charity golf day.

Various businesses turned out to support the event, with 47 men and one female, Mrs Sarah Morris, who returned a score of 27 stableford points.

The weather stayed dry, apart from the wind, and all competitors remarked that the course was in great condition.

Tommy David, the popular former Wales and Barbarian rugby player, was kind enough to present the prizes.

The team to take first prize was Priory Estates, Barry (Rees Williams, Pat Regan, Matt Gill, Shaun Davies), with 117 points.

Second was The Lumber Jacks (Western Log) – Rob James, Arwyn John, Dave Rees, Steve Griffiths, with 108 points.

Third, Maesteg Wanderers – Ken Williams, Alun Rees, Geraint Tucker, Dave Edmunds, with105 points.

The individual men's went to Pat Regan (39 points), nearest the pin on the 4th was Jeff Williams, on the 7th Gerwin Tucker, on the 12th Richard Board, and on the 18th Matt Gill.

Organiser Gareth Perkins would like to thank all those who donated prizes, and to all the competitors for making it a most entertaining and enjoyable day.

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Derby day success for team

SULLY Centurions showed their thoroughbred pedigree as they celebrated Derby Day with a convincing 10-wicket victory over Swansea at Burnham Avenue.

Having lost the toss, Sully were asked to field on a hot afternoon, but David Eskins took two quick wickets to leave the visitors stunned at 0 for 2. After a few more overs, Eskins struck again to peg the score back to 30 for 3.

However, a century partnership between Ashley Pass and Nick James took the score along to 144 for the fourth wicket, when James fell to Mike O'Shea for a well-deserved 79.

O'Shea followed up by removing Hayden for a duck before Pass added 29 with Lowen and another 21 with Ceri James before he went for a well-made 61.

The final four wickets fell for just 10 runs, with Jamie Sylvester and Tom Evison bagging a pair each. The Swansea innings closed on 210 all out.

After tea, Centurions' opening pair of Mike O'Shea and Ryan Sylvester took no time at all in getting to grips with the Swansea attack, as they both dispatched the ball over the boundary ropes time and time again to leave the visitors reeling.

In spite of using seven bowlers, Swansea couldn't find a way through and both players passed the 50 mark with ease.

For once, though, Ryan took a back seat in the partnership, as Mike O'Shea showed why Glamorgan re-signed him this season,, reaching a well-deserved century.

Both batsmen were unbeaten at the end, with Ryan on 69 and Mike on 128, with Centurions reaching the target in the 27th over.

Sully 214-0; Swansea 210 all out.

Second XI

THE Second XI came away from St Helen's with a huge victory over Swansea Seconds by a margin of 136 runs.

Batting first, Centurions' opening pair Shaz Rehan and Rhett Jones enjoyed themselves, peppering the boundary at will.

Rhett had reached 94 when he was trapped lbw by Pavey, after sharing a stand of 164 for the first wicket.

Shaz and Shae Ellis took the score past 200 when Shae was caught for 11, but Shaz followed soon after, departing for 84 with the score on 223.

Following this, skipper Matthew Thomas and Lloyd Bruce took the score along to 281 before Lloyd fell for 21. Matthew was 67 not out at the end, helping Centurions to a formidable 312 for 6.

The hosts were always trying play catch up and with Terry Williams, playing in his annual comeback match, proving just as accurate as ever, Swansea were never at the races.

A wicket for Terry before a run was scored was the dream start Centurions were after, but a half-century second-wicket stand between Morris and Suter gave Swansea some hope.

However, once this partnership had been broken, the wickets began to tumble. Only a stubborn seventh wicket stand of 42 from Antunes and Muralidhar gave the Swansea total any real respectability.

The innings closed on 176 all out with just one ball left in the 50th over, ensuring maximum points for Sully. Terry Williams' 3 for 40 and Lloyd Bruce's 3 for 41 were the notable bowling figures for Centurions.

Laurence O'Sullivan, Ben Callow and Matthew Thomas all picked up one wicket each.

Swansea 176 all out; Centurions 312-6.

Third XI

THE Thirds lost a closely fought match at Croesyceiliog-Woodlands after looking as though they may just snatch victory.

The hosts reached 206 for 5, in an innings that contained three run outs. But for a couple of slips in the field, the score may have been much less.

In response, Centurions kept up with the run rate for most of the innings, but just missed out. Nick Jones hit 40, Cameron Sleeth got 33 and Ben Spear finished on 31, but the target was to prove just out of reach, in spite of some sensible batting at the end from Herbie Miller and Dan Thacker (making his third XI debut along with son, Alex).

The innings closed with Centurions nine runs short, for the loss of seven wickets.

Croesyceiliog-Woodlands 206-5; Centurions 197-7.

Fourth XI

THE Fourths entertained Croesyceiliog-Woodlands at Rhoose and came away with an emphatic victory and chalked up the first win of the season.

With regular skipper Mick Fisher away, Paul Harrison stepped into breach and got the best out of the troops – with Josh Bryan returning the remarkable figures of 4 for 12 off 10 overs.

Luke Burnett pitched in with 3 for 19 off 8 and, with a wicket each for Mark Burnett and Ricky Griffett, the Croesy innings ended on 73 all out after 24 overs.

The Centurions' reply took only 14 overs, as Ricky Griffett (20) and David Sharpe (32) ensured the victory. Edwards, with 3 for 21 off 6 overs, was able to help the visitors salvage a couple of bowling points, but the victory was secured for the loss of four wickets.

Sully 74-4; Croesyceiliog-Woodlands 73 all out.

Sunday Friendly XI

ON Sunday, a mostly young Centurions side entertained Cardiff Casuals at Burnham Avenue and registered a 90-run victory.

SULLY CENTURIONS CRICKET ROUND-UP

Batting first, Centurions enjoyed themselves, with runs being spread around the team. Nick Jones (41) and Ben Spear (28) all helped push the score along and Josh Bryan top scored with 49, agonisingly close to getting his first 50 for the club.

Liam Bennett was 24 not out at the end as Sully ended on 216.

After tea,, the Casuals batsmen couldn't get going, as Shae Ellis led the way for Centurions, with a very good bowling display, taking 3 for 7, ably supported by Scott McMillan, who bagged his first two senior wickets.

The rest of the wickets were shared out among the bowlers and Casuals were all out for 126.

Sully 206 all out; Cardiff Casuals 126 all out.

Own ground a reality

SULLY Centurions Cricket Club took a step closer to owning their own ground this week

The club currently plays at the council-owned Burnham Avenue in Sully (with third and fourth XI matches being played at Rhoose and Wenvoe).

In April, the Vale Council granted planning permission to develop a new ground at the Glebe Field in Sully and, with help from local sponsors and also from the England & Wales Cricket Board, Centurions have finally been able to see work commence on the new facility.

It is hoped that the new ground will encourage more participation from locals, as well as providing the club with its own base for the first time in its history.

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The first thing that came into my mind when I read Brian Radford's *Caught Out - Shocking Revelations of Corruption in International Cricket*, was what he and that other famous Glamorgan cricketer,

Wilf Wooller, would have thought of the international cricket scene had they been alive today.

Maybe it's no surprise that Brian Radford, whose investigation into Lester Piggott's financial affairs concluded with the legendary jockey ending in prison, has now picked up his proverbial spade and dug deep into international cricket corruption.

Caught Out is the title of Radford's compelling new book on a virulent disease that is spreading fast and threatens to destroy all trust and integrity in the world's most tranquil game. The vast volume of skullduggery and chicanery that Radford has unearthed is alarming and frightening.

Virtually every page is crammed with a chilling account of kidnapping, murder, death threats, poison, prostitutes and gambling gangs – and let's not forget we are talking about international cricket here, not the Mafia or Underworld mobsters.

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Chapter after chapter is devoted to outrageous trickery, like the sucking of peppermints to help England win the Ashes.

There is also a microscopic analysis of the mysterious death of former England batsman, Bob Woolmer, while head coach of the Pakistan national team, and the fascinating conspiracy theories surrounding the plane crash that killed disgraced South African captain Hansie Cronje.

These riveting revelations will shock and disgust all those who play cricket honestly at every level – whether it is at school, a local club, county level, or at the top in the international arena.

EVENT RAISES FUNDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

THE South & West Wales Point-To-Point Area Injured Riders Fund is staging a family fun day at Merthyr Mawr near Bridgend, on June 26 from 12noon.

There will be a knockout rounders competition – £30 a team of 10 – and teams can register prior to the event by contacting Emma Jones on 07736 553011 or emailing her at ek.jones@btinternet.com

All proceeds go towards the area's Injured Riders Fund and Isabel Tompsett, recovery fund.

Isabel, who was seriously injured in a racing accident at Fakenham recently, is well known in the Vale.

The South Wales and Monmouthshire Point-To-Point dinner dance and presentation of annual awards will be held at the Holiday Inn, Newport, on July 9, and all proceeds will go to the Isabel Tompsett recovery fund.

Contact Dai Jones on 07736 553011 or Carole David on 0793 261384.

Young Crusaders' excellent performance

CRUSADERS UNDER-18 46
WARRINGTON WOLVES 20

CRUSADERS under-18s put on a show at Caerphilly RFC on Saturday as they waltzed to a 46-20 win over Warrington Wolves.

In one of the best performances seen by a Crusaders side at any level, the Welsh youngsters dominated both attack and defence as Warrington, save for the last 10 minutes when Crusaders were tiring, were always second best.

Welsh-born Ben Evans made his Warrington comeback following a knee reconstruction but it was his former Brynteg School team-mate Olly Olds who came out on top.

He may not have scored a try but he did well from half-back to help his team to a famous victory.

The rout started after less than two minutes when Courtney Davies leapt onto his own grubber to give Crusaders the lead converting his own try.

Four minutes later, a fumbled catch gave Crusaders a scrum on Warrington's 10-metre line and Rhys Watkins set up Seb Vidal, who rolled under the sticks. Davies converted.

Jon Reid almost set up Gene Ormsby for an opening Warrington try, but the ball missed him and flew into touch.

Crusaders recovered and Davies set up their next try on 15 minutes, with TJ Collin finishing in the corner.

Davies converted brilliantly from the touchline to give Crusaders an 18-0 lead.

On 23 minutes, it was 24-0 as Luke John was held up over the line, but Owen Thomas forced his way under the sticks a few plays later; Davies goaled.

Warrington hit back on the half-hour when Sean Boyle finished off a fine passing move but the conversion was missed, and the Crusaders restored the balance when Luke John picked up a loose pass and ran 50 metres to the line; Davies converted.

Osian Phillips almost scored for Crusaders but was centimetres short and Dale Evans was pulled back for an infringement, but the Welsh weren't to be denied.

David Palmer did well to pick up a long pass and ran unchallenged to score under the sticks. Olly Olds converted.

Warrington's relentless attacking eventually forced a try after Crusaders did well to keep them out for over 10 minutes.

Eventually, it was sub Ollie Giles who cracked the Welsh defence but again it wasn't converted.

Crusaders hit back with a superb try as Efan Ellis sold a dummy to beat the defence and score, but Davies missed the kick.

Ellis followed that up with a second as he twisted his way under the sticks with Davies converting.

Warrington managed to get two tries back to make the score seem more respectable with Sam Brooks and Callam Beckett going over, both converted by Jack Milligan, but they were mere consolations and a minor blip in a game that shows a lot about the development of youngster in south Wales.

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Dinas Powys FC have presentation night

DINAS POWYS Football Club senior section player of the year presentation took place at the Athletic Club on Saturday, June 4.

The first team finished seventh in Welsh League Division Two and the awards, presented by manager Marc Cahill, went to top scorer Mark Dunford (golden boot) with Jon Carpentier receiving both the player's player and manager's player of the year award.

Reserve team manager Ricky Brown chose 'keeper Mark Hussey as his player of the year, with the players choosing Carl Huntley. The most improved player was Jordan Dimitri.

The youth team finished third in the Welsh League Youth Division with the player's player award going to Joe Briscombe. Joe made a number of substitute appearances for the first team during the season.

Manager Darren George gave his player or the year award to Rhys Davies and Mike Lazarou took the most improved player award.

The supporters club chose Jon Carpentier to receive the 'Malcolm Goddard' trophy as their player of the year.

Last, but by no means least, the clubman of the year award went to club secretary Dave Jose, who steps down this year after working so hard to the benefit of the club.

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The real Tests are yet to come...

BACK PAGE COMMENT
by Don John

BEFORE the kick-off there was plenty to celebrate – after all, the Baabaas team of all the talents were in town to mark the Welsh Rugby Union's 130th anniversary – with a massed choir of 1,000 male voices lined up to lead the singing on what promised to be a vintage occasion in Cardiff on Saturday.

With other notable landmarks, such as outside half Stephen Jones' record-equalling 100th capped appearance for Wales, the Blues' lauded openside Sam Warburton captaining his country for the first time, and the second coming of the enigmatic Gavin Henson after two years' self-imposed exile, the stage seemed set for a particularly intriguing 80 minutes of rugby at the Millennium Stadium.

After all, this was the first of just four outings remaining before Wales depart for the more serious business of Rugby World Cup 2011 in New Zealand this September.

Hence the controversial decision to award Welsh caps for what was essentially an exhibition match with the Barbarians (a move not surprisingly questioned by former greats such as Mervyn Davies and Barry John).

In breaking with convention and awarding it full Test status, head coach Warren Gatland had implicitly declared that this was a game he fully expected to win, notwithstanding that a whole clutch of first choice players were absent from the team sheet.

Indeed, while all of those on duty against the Baabaas have subsequently been included in the preliminary 45-man Welsh squad for the World Cup, realistically many players know they will have a struggle to make the final cut of 30 that will head Down Under, let alone figure in the starting line-up when the real hostilities begin.

So in this sense, it really was a Test – if only of Welsh squad strength in a game-time environment – plus a rare opportunity to see how fringe candidates fared against some of the best players in the world in their individual positions (albeit operating in an unfamiliar team line-up).

As expected where a Baabaas match is concerned , the tries came thick and fast – two for Wales in the first half (George North and Morgan Stoddart) to three by the Barbarians, (including one by man-of-the-match Sergio Parisse) to leave the home team trailing 14-19 at half time.

The second half then saw Wales forge ahead with two more tries, by Mike Phillips and Aled Brew (atoning for his 10 minutes in the sin bin) and this prompted a mass influx from the Wales replacement bench.

With eight minutes left and the score at 28-19, midfield general Stephen Jones departed, the Welsh camp presumably thinking the game was won.

If so, it was a fatal error – as not for the first time an error-prone Wales let victory slip through their fingers (almost literally) at the death.

In the blink of an eye, that nine-point lead vanished with the Barbarians racing over for two quick tries, one of which was converted, to make the final score 31-28 in their favour.

While the Welsh camp may dismiss the result as of no real significance in terms of their World Cup prospects (given the absence of around nine first choice players and the unique nature of a Baabaas invitation fixture) they surely cannot have it both ways – for if it wasn't a serious Test match, why then classify it as such?

The reality is that in the final run-in to a World Cup, continued defeats can hardly be said to do wonders for the team's psychological well being, as Gatland's predecessor found when he took his team to play England at Twickenham before the last ill-fated World Cup campaign.

The Kiwi will certainly not want to see history repeated when the two teams meet again in August before flying Down Under.

Before then, the Welsh have much work to do in the two planned summer training camps, if the persistent problems that have stifled and afflicted Welsh play (again in evidence on Saturday) are to be ironed out in time.

These were succinctly summed up in post-match quotes by two of the players themselves.

Scarlets centre Jonathan Davies admitted: "*We need to be more accurate and clinical when we get opportunities*".

Dragons back rower Dan Lydiate acknowledged: "*It's all about closing out games...We didn't do it and we got punished.*"

The challenge, come the World Cup, is to ensure that these basic flaws have at last been eliminated if another early exit is to be avoided.

PRELIMINARY SQUAD:

Huw Bennett (Ospreys), Lloyd Burns (Dragons), Richard Hibbard (Ospreys), Matthew Rees (Scarlets).
Scott Andrews (Cardiff Blues), Ryan Bevington (Ospreys), Paul James (Ospreys), Gethin Jenkins (Cardiff Blues), Adam Jones (Ospreys), Craig Mitchell (Exeter Chiefs), John Yapp (Cardiff Blues).
Luke Charteris (Dragons), Bradley Davies (Blues), Alun Wyn Jones (Ospreys), Lou Reed (Scarlets). Gareth Delve (Melbourne Rebels), Toby Faletau (Dragons), Ryan Jones (Ospreys), Dan Lydiate (Dragons), Rob McCusker (Scarlets), Andy Powell (Sale Sharks), Jonathan Thomas (Ospreys), Justin Tipuric (Ospreys), Josh Turnbull (Scarlets), Sam Warburton (Blues), Martyn Williams (Blues).
BACKS:
Tavis Knoyle (Scarlets), Dwayne Peel (Sale Sharks), Mike Phillips (Ospreys), Richie Rees (Blues).
Stephen Jones (Scarlets), Rhys Priestland (Scarlets), Jason Tovey (Dragons), James Hook (Perpigan).
Andrew Bishop (Ospreys), Jonathan Davies (Scarlets), Gavin Henson (Unattached), Jamie Roberts (Blues).
George North (Scarlets), Aled Brew (Dragons), Morgan Stoddart (Scarlets), Scott Williams (Scarlets), Shane Williams (Ospreys).
Lee Byrne (Clermont Auvergne), Leigh Halfpenny (Blues).

Pencoed RFC on hunt for players

FOR the forthcoming season, Pencoed RFC have appointed two new coaches in Keith Burke and Steven Rees.

A 'meet the coaches' session is arranged for June 18 at Pencoed RFC at 6pm, with the first pre-season training session to be held at Woodlands playing fields on Tuesday, July 5 at 6.30pm.

If you are looking for a new club, or a new challenge, come and take a look at Pencoed. Prospective players are welcome to attend the first meeting or join in the pre-season training.

For further enquiries, contact Keith Burke on 07886 085542 or Steven Rees on 07720 554803.

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DAVID TAKES THE HELM AS PYLE AND KENFIG'S NEW VETERANS' PRESIDENT

LONG-SERVING member David Henry is the new president of the Veterans section of Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club.

There was a full turnout for his big day and the sun shone. The course was in excellent condition, particularly the greens, which were true and fast.

The winner was David Wooding, with a stableford score of 38 points, and second was Brian James with 37 points, with several players tied for third on 36 points.

The highlight of the day was a hole in one on the sixth by Phil Lathey. Unfortunately, Phil's luck ran out shortly afterwards when he suffered a minor accident and could not complete his round.

After the golf, the players enjoyed a scrumptious meal prepared by Tracey and her staff and the presentation of prizes, together with short humorous speeches, rounded off a memorable day.

NEWS FROM THE LADIES CAPTAIN

WELL another month has gone by and the open meetings and club mixed foursomes went well.

Those of us that at the club on Sunday, May 29 for the Bank Holiday Foursomes had a really enjoyable evening with Jimi Webb entertaining us.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome back Lyn Lloyd – Lyn is a past lady captain and has been a great supporter of the club as a whole, organising many a Texas Scramble in her time here – welcome back Lyn.

There are plenty of places available for the autumn open meetings so do not forget to book.

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Open day

PENCOED Phoenix are holding a open day on June 12 at Pencoed rugby club starting at 12.45am.

This is for new/old players, training staff, first aid etc, and for anyone who can help.

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